

# Strategies to Eliminate HCV and Identify Patients Most at Risk of Developing HCC in FL

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# Learning Objectives

- To understand HCV epidemiology with changes from the opioid epidemic
- To understand the care cascade involving both screening and treatment for HCV
- To understand liver disease progression and risk of developing HCC from HCV

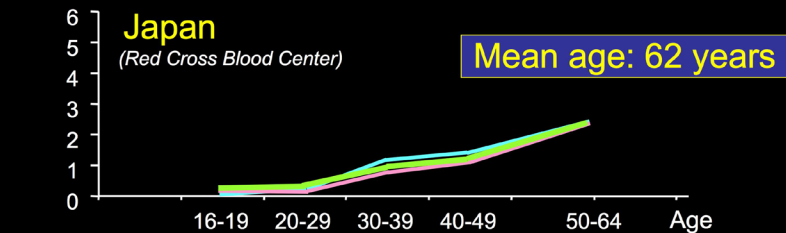
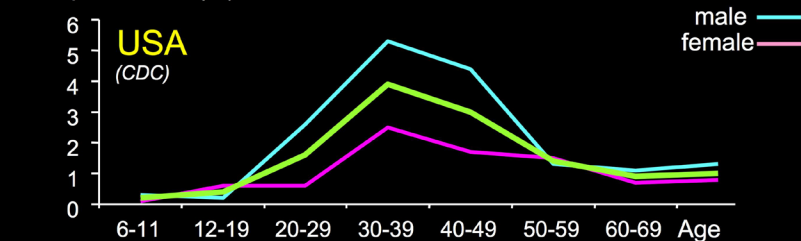
A comparison of the molecular clock of hepatitis C virus in the United States and Japan predicts that hepatocellular carcinoma incidence in the United States will increase over the next two decades

Yasuhiro Tanaka<sup>1,2</sup>, Kousuke Hanada<sup>3</sup>, Masashi Mizokami<sup>1</sup>, Anthony E. T. Yeo<sup>4,5</sup>, J. Wai-Kuo Shih<sup>6</sup>, Takashi Gojobori<sup>3</sup>, and Harvey J. Alter<sup>1</sup>

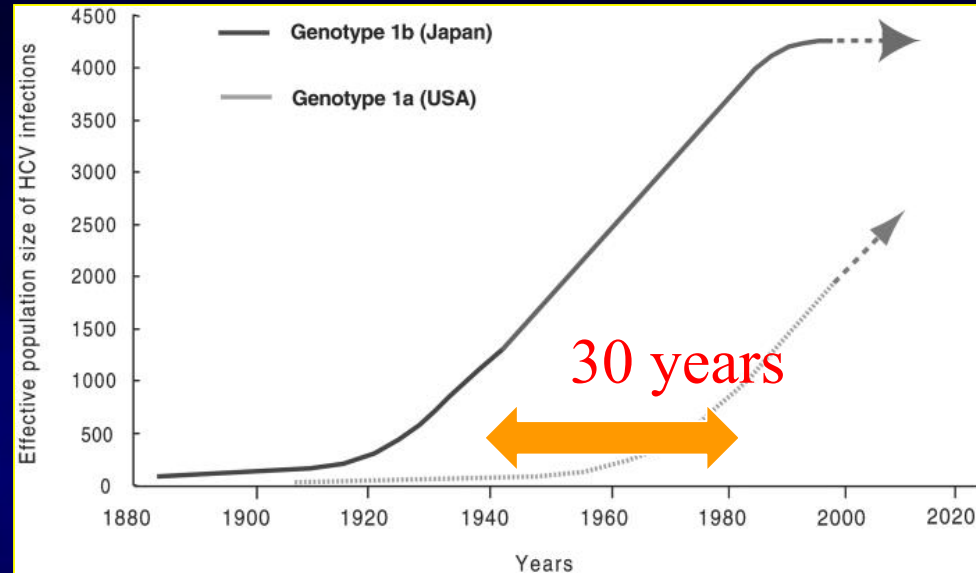
(Tanaka et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A.*, 2002)

Age distribution of HCV prevalence between US and Japan

HCV prevalence (%)

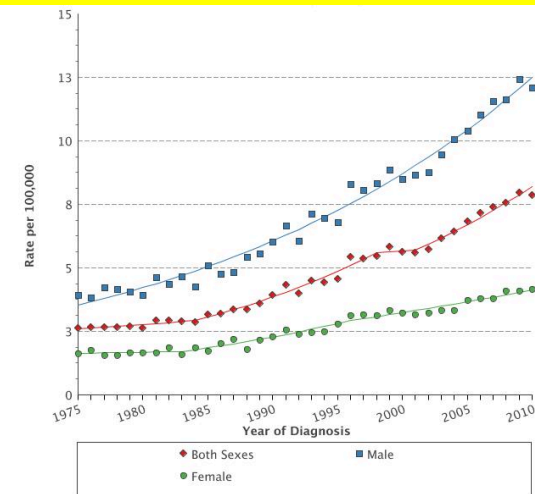


# HCV Induced HCC



The growth of the US HCV genotype 1a-infected population occurred around 1960, **at least 30 years later** than the widespread introduction of genotype 1b into the Japanese population  
 ⇒ **High incidence of HCC in Japan**

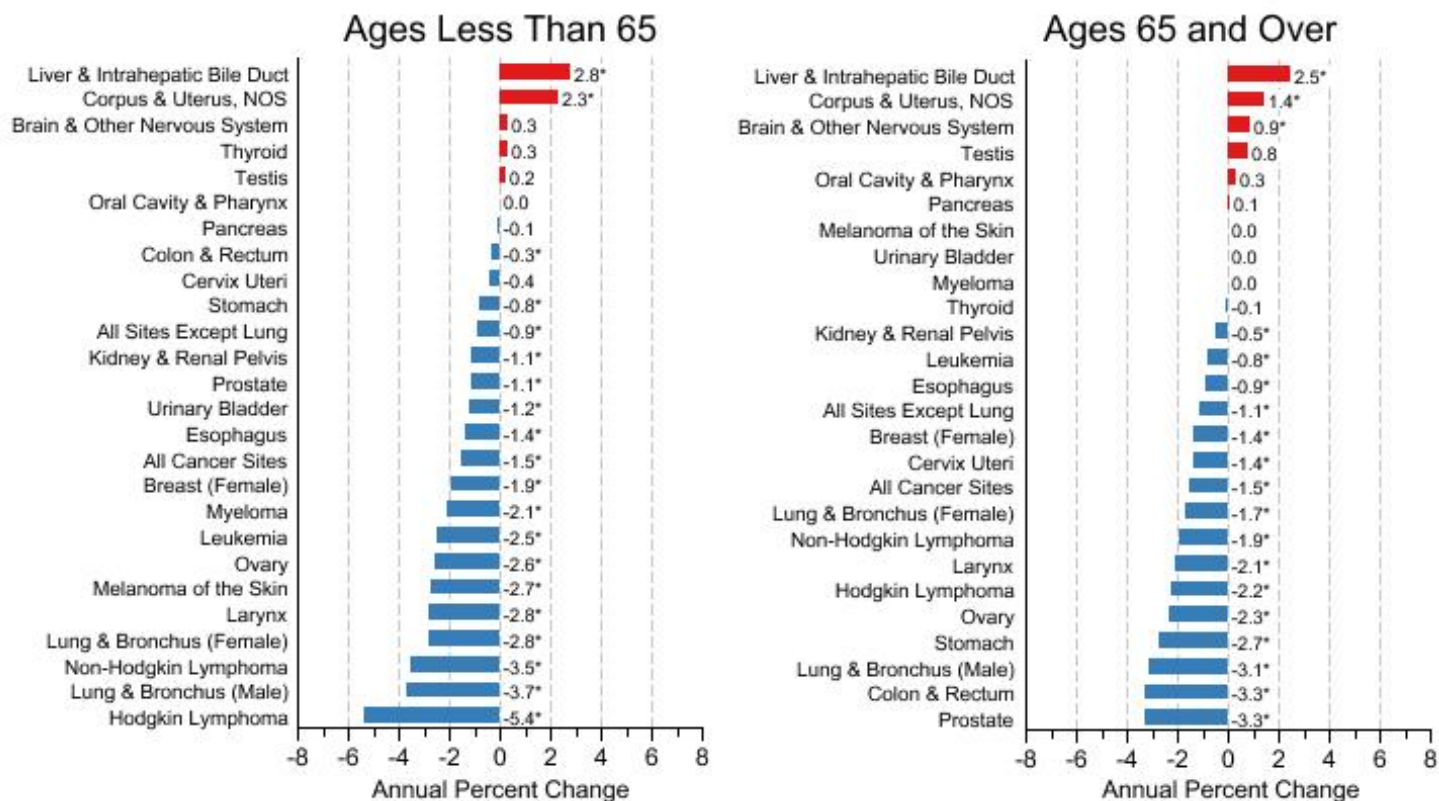
**Hepatocellular Carcinoma Incidence, U.S., 1975-2010**



# HCC in the U.S.

Figure 1.6

## Trends in US Death Rates by Age Group and Primary Cancer Site 2006-2015



Source: US Mortality Files, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  
Underlying rates are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the 2000 US Std Population (19 age groups - Census P25-1103).  
For sex-specific cancer sites, the population was limited to the population of the appropriate sex.  
\* The APC is significantly different from zero ( $p < .05$ ).



# Why is HCC Incidence Rising?

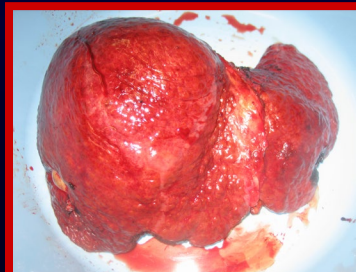
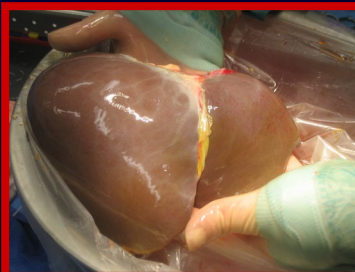
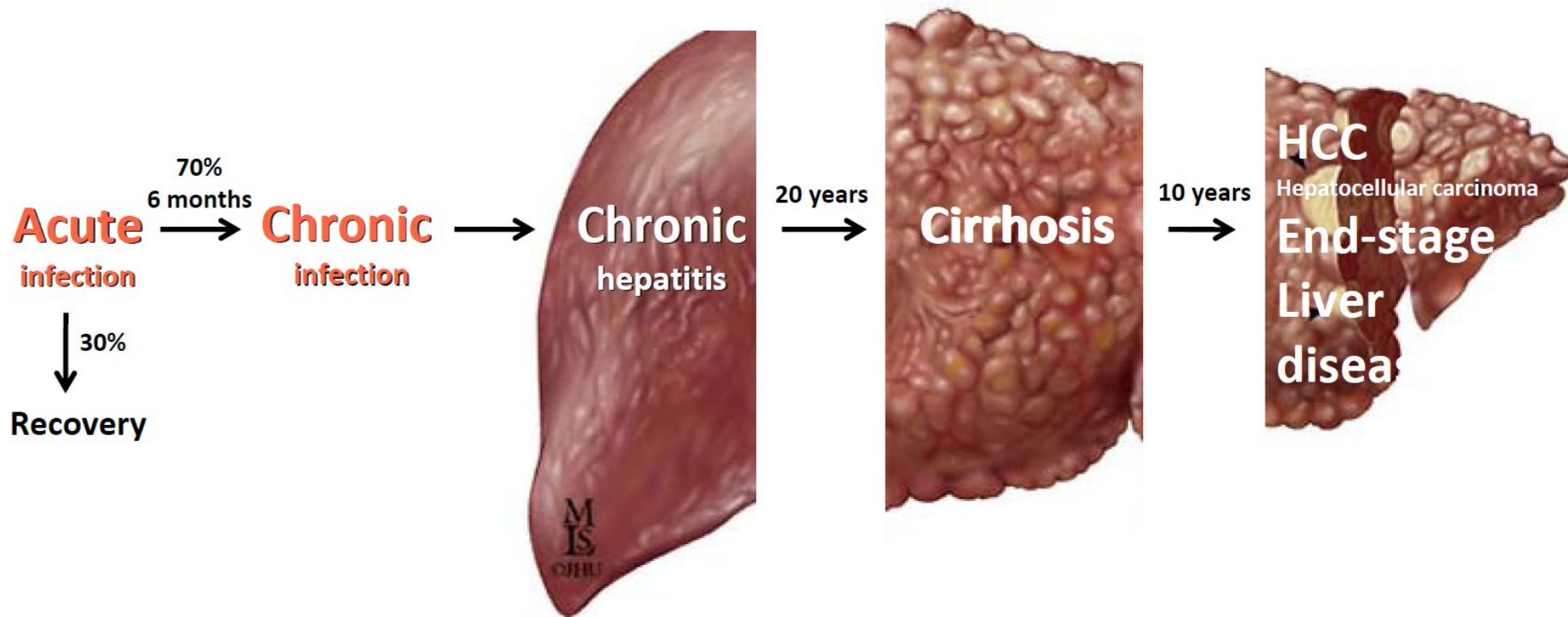
Increasing prevalence of patients with cirrhosis

- Rising incidence of cirrhosis
  - HCV (main reason)
  - HBV
  - Other (?NAFLD/insulin resistance)
- Improved survival of patients with cirrhosis

# Cirrhosis in the U.S.

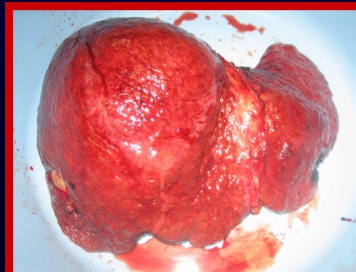
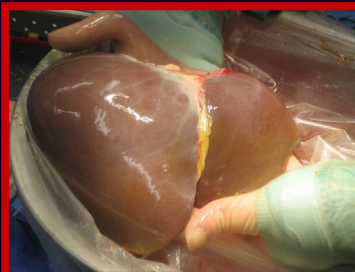
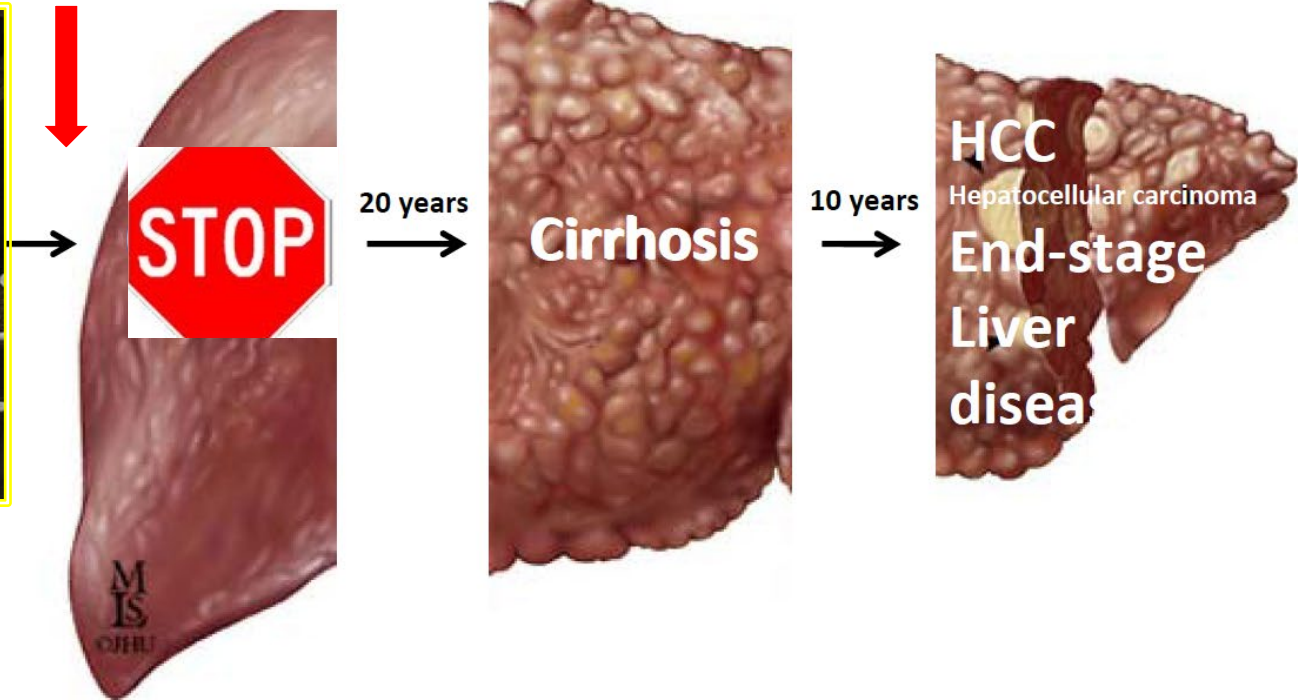
- Approximately 630,000 with cirrhosis
- 69% of Americans with cirrhosis are unaware of the diagnosis
- Cirrhosis increasing in incidence
- Incidence increases with age
- No approved therapy for cirrhosis and liver fibrosis

# HCV disease progression



# HCV disease progression

HCC Prevention/Early Detection Program





# Current State of HCV Epidemic

*“**Annual HCV-associated deaths**” in the US “have surpassed the total number of deaths linked to the other 60 nationally notifiable infectious diseases combined.”*

*What’s more, these “numbers are almost certainly a marked **underestimate**, Holmberg said, since, in a well-characterized cohort of HCV patients, only about one in five patients who died had the disease listed on the death certificate.” Overall, mortality from HCV “continues to rise in the US” despite “dramatic improvements” in how the disease is treated.*

**Scott Holmberg, MD, MPH, of the CDC’s Division of Viral Hepatitis in Atlanta (ID Week meeting, October 14, 2015)**

# FL Opioid Epidemic



## Session E:

### Closing the Gap (Cont)

#### Grand Ballroom B

Chairpersons and Discussants:

**Linda Chang, MD**, University of Maryland School of Medicine

**Man Charurat, PhD**, Institute of Human Virology, University of Maryland School of Medicine

1:30 Elana Rosenthal, MD, Institute of Human Virology, University of Maryland School of Medicine  
*Collocation of HCV and OUD Treatment: The ANCHOR Study*

1:50 Carlos del Rio, MD, Emory University  
*Integrating care for opioid use disorders to tackle ID epidemics*

2:10 Glen Treisman, MD, PhD, Johns Hopkins University  
*The opiate epidemic-how we got here and how do we get out*

2:30 Emmanuel Thomas, MD, PhD, University of Miami  
*IDU, HIV and Viral Hepatitis in Florida: Challenges and Opportunities*

2:50 Panel Discussion

**Coffee Break, 3:10 PM - 3:30 PM** Grand Prefunction

## Session F:

### Lifetime Achievement Award Mini-Symposium

#### Grand Ballroom B

Chairpersons and Discussants:

**Robert Mahley, MD, PhD**, Gladstone Institutes

**Henry Masur, MD**, US National Institutes of Health Clinical Center

3:30 Robert Gallo, MD, Institute of Human Virology, University of Maryland School of Medicine  
*Introduction to Lifetime Achievement Awards*

## Speaker Schedule

### Thursday, October 3, 2019 - Zero Transmission

#### Session A:

#### Responses to HIV/AIDS Epidemic

##### Grand Ballroom B

Chairpersons and Discussants:

**Shyam Kottilil, MBBS, PhD**, Institute of Human Virology, University of Maryland School of Medicine

**Salim Abdool Karim, MBChB, PhD, DSc**, Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA)

9:00 Robert Gallo, MD, Institute of Human Virology, University of Maryland School of Medicine  
*Welcome, Session Comments*

9:10 ADM Brett P. Giroir, MD, Assistant Secretary for Health, US Department of Health and Human Services **A-101**  
*Special Lecture: Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America*

9:45 Q&A

9:55 Anthony Fauci, MD, Director, US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases **A-102**  
*Special Lecture: HIV in 2019: Optimizing the HIV Treatment and Prevention Toolkits*

10:30 Q&A

**Coffee Break, 10:40 AM - 11:00 AM** Grand Ballroom A

11:00 Carl Dieffenbach, PhD, Division of AIDS, US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases **A-104**  
*Special Lecture: Epidemic Control and Beyond: What Will it Take to Truly End the HIV Epidemic*

11:35 Q&A

11:45 Salim Abdool Karim, MBChB, PhD, DSc, Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA)  
*Closing Remarks*

**Lunch Break, 11:50 AM - 1:00 PM**

#### Session B:

#### HIV/AIDS Prevention Strategies

##### Grand Ballroom B

Chairpersons and Discussants:

**Mario Stevenson, PhD**, University of Miami

**Ken Mayer, MD**, The Fenway Institute

1:00 John Brooks, MD, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
*Syringe Service Programs: Venues for Comprehensive Harm Reduction*

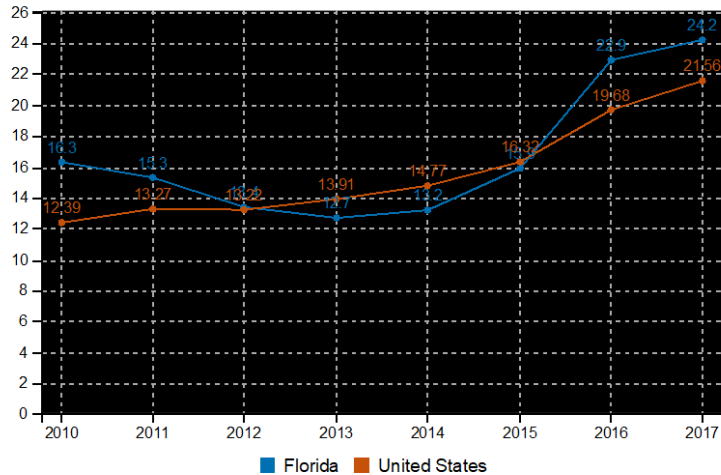
**B-101**

# FL Opioid Epidemic

- Drug overdose deaths more than doubled from 2014 (2,175 deaths) to 2016 (4,672 deaths).
- Florida declared opioid abuse a public health emergency in 2017 with approximately \$27 million in federal funds for drug treatment and prevention.
- Florida recently legalized syringe services programs through the The Infectious Disease Elimination Programs bill but prohibited the use of federal, state or local funding for any site (June 2019).
- Challenges in the state have hampered progress with addressing the opioid epidemic and transmission of communicable diseases  
(no funding for SSPs, increasing HCV transmission, etc.).

# Opioid Deaths and HIV/HCV

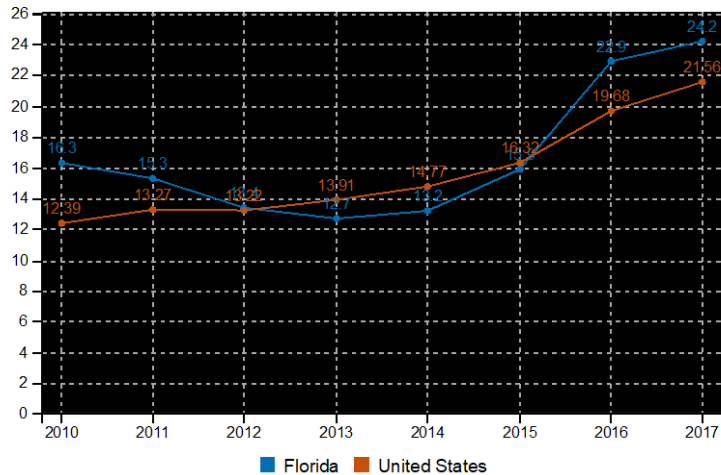
Drug-related Deaths per 100,000



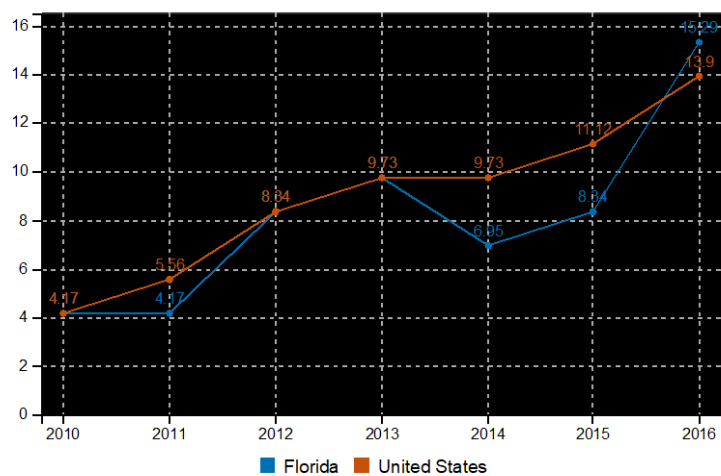


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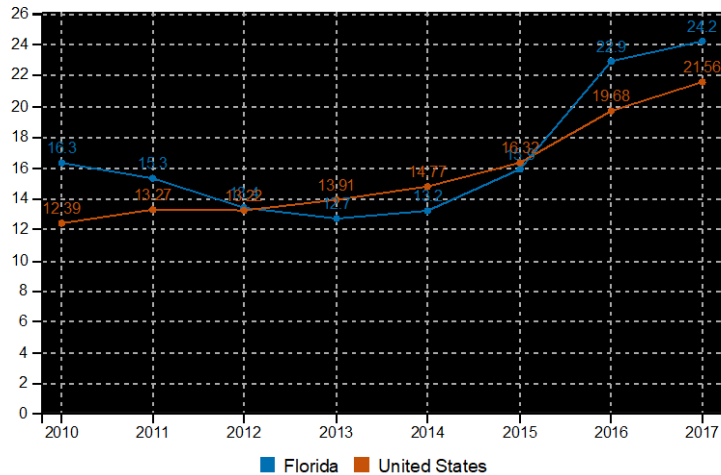


Estimated Acute Hepatitis C Cases per 100,000

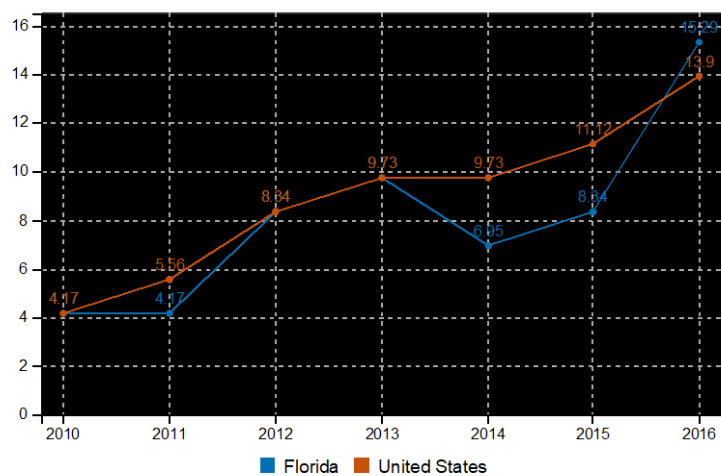


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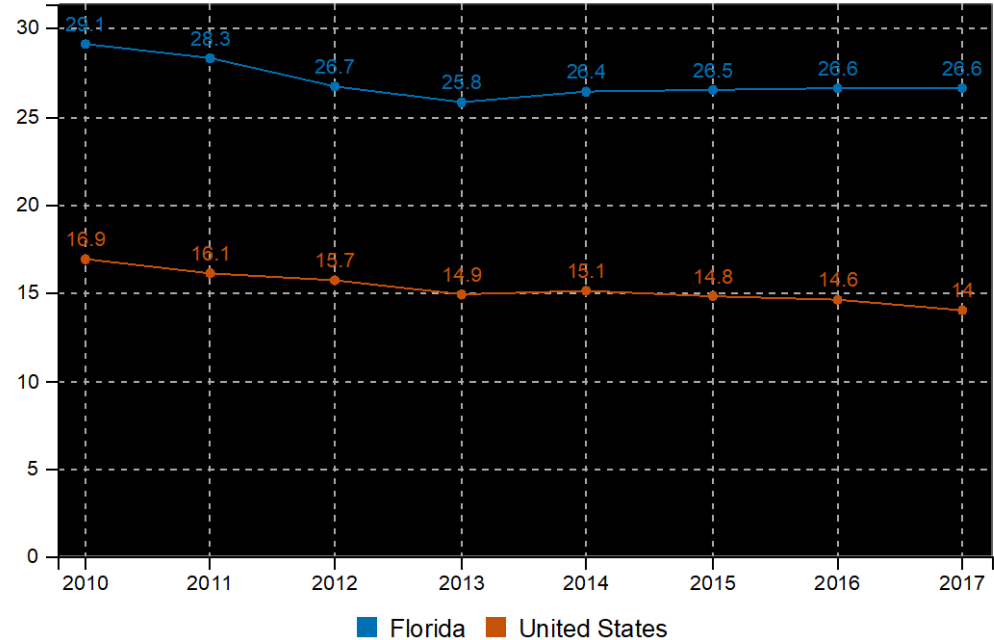
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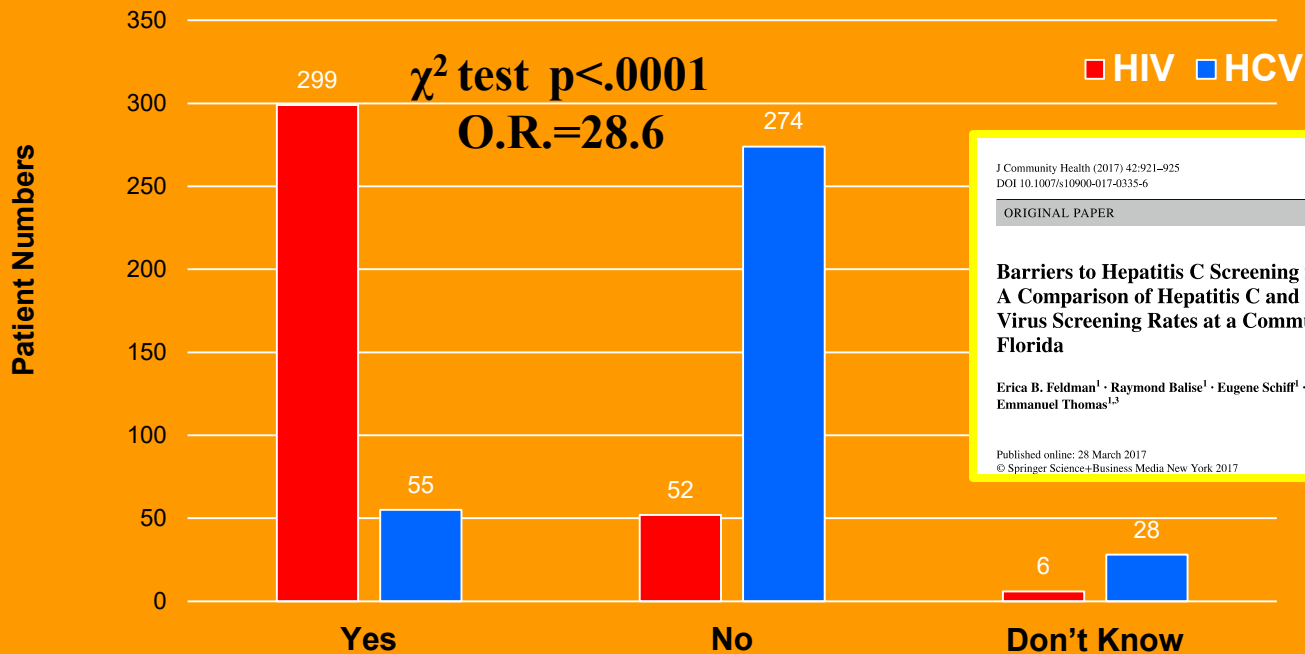
New HIV Diagnoses per 100,000



# HCV Testing History

## Data to Support Increased HCV Testing

N=357



J Community Health (2017) 42:921–925  
DOI 10.1007/s10900-017-0335-6

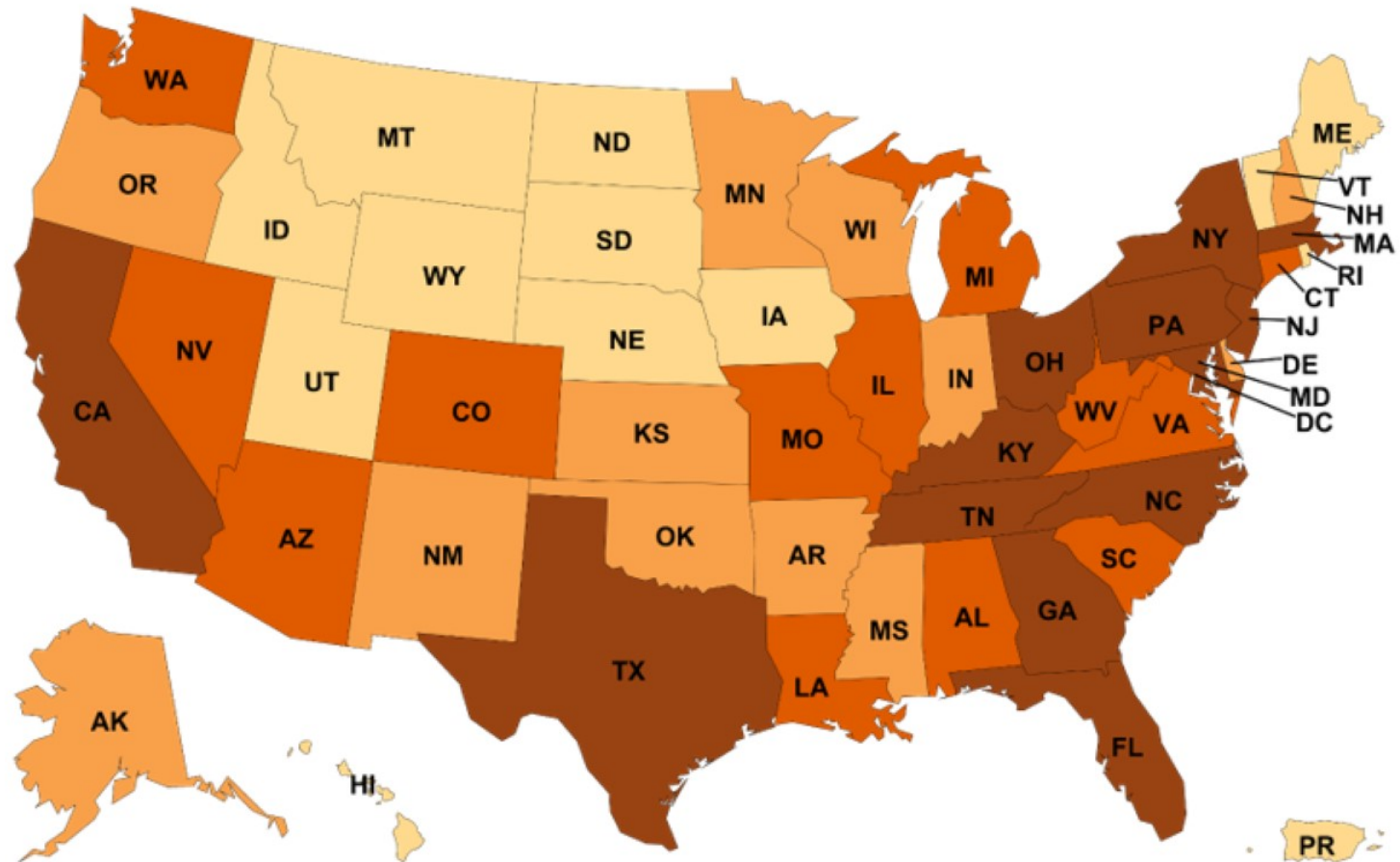
ORIGINAL PAPER

**Barriers to Hepatitis C Screening in a Minority Population:  
A Comparison of Hepatitis C and Human Immunodeficiency  
Virus Screening Rates at a Community STD Clinic in Miami,  
Florida**

Erica B. Feldman<sup>1</sup> · Raymond Balise<sup>1</sup> · Eugene Schiff<sup>1</sup> · Nicole Whitehead<sup>2</sup> ·  
Emmanuel Thomas<sup>1,3</sup>

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# USA: 2016 HCV RNA+ Count



RNA+ N 28-1,004 1,161-3,784 3,936-6,669 7,880-62,877

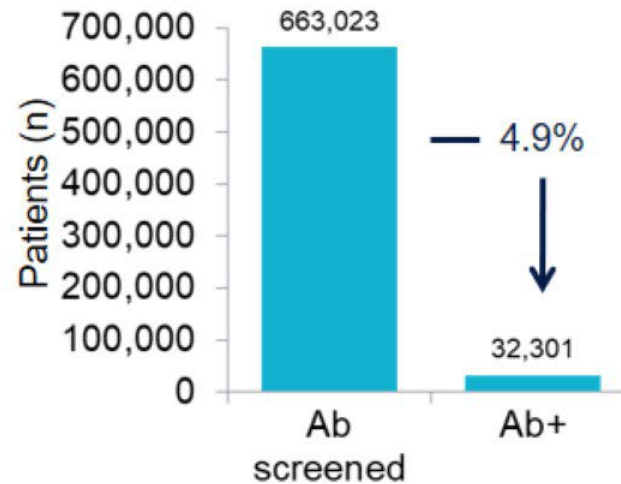


# Florida 2016 HCV

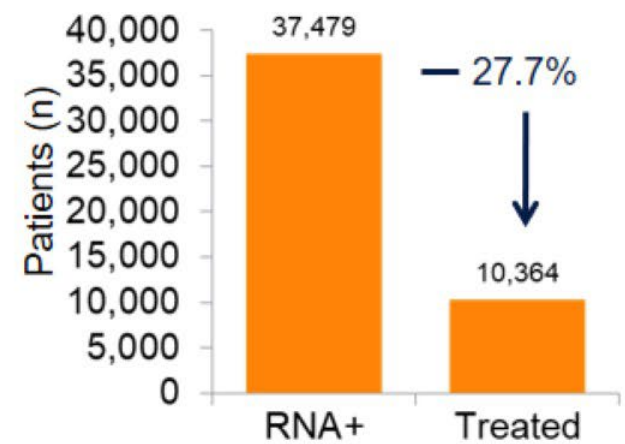


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HCV Antibody (Ab)  
Testing



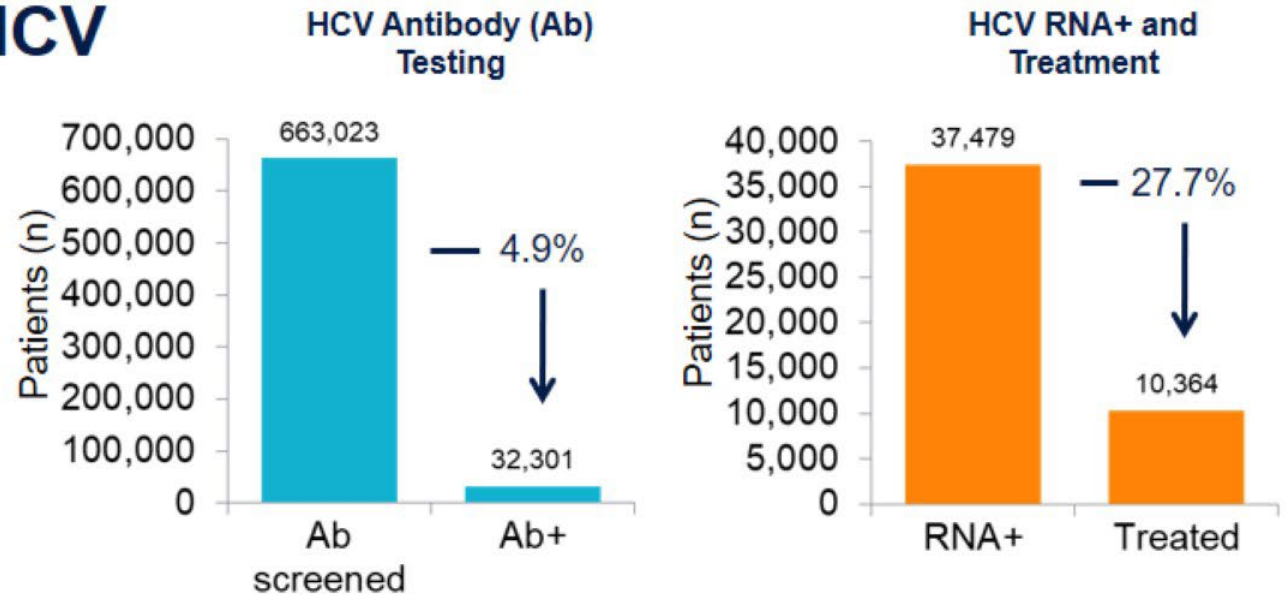
HCV RNA+ and  
Treatment



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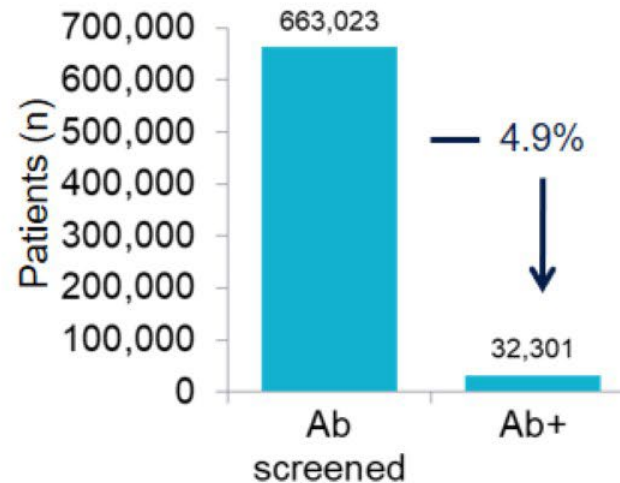
**Louisiana has a goal of treating more than 10,000 Medicaid-enrolled and incarcerated individuals by the end of 2020.**

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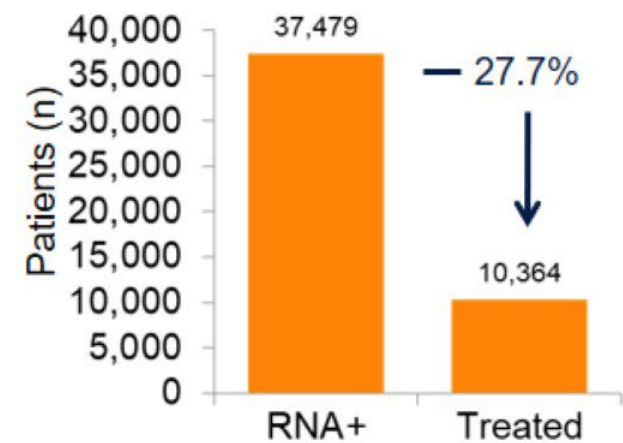


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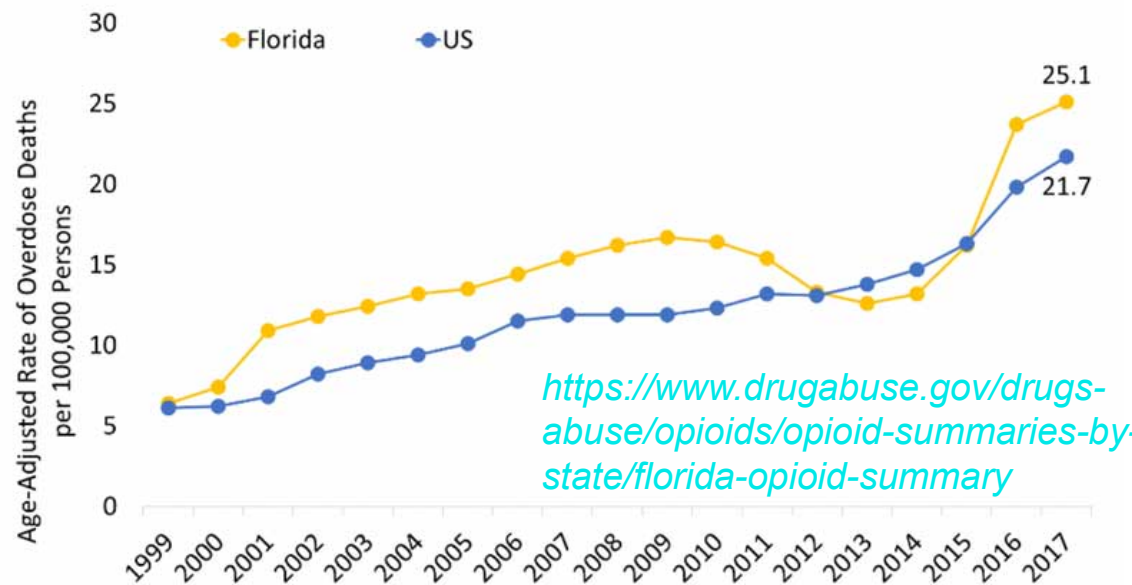


HCV RNA+ and Treatment



**Treatment as Prevention for HCV in FL Does Not Appear to be Working.**

- Complacency
- Reinfection
- Not 100% cure rate
- FL specific Tx barriers
- Can't treat our way out of this...need SSPs/MAT



# HCV Infection Rising in Young Adults

FROM 2010-2014, NEW HEPATITIS C CASES IN THE U.S.  
**INCREASED BY 250%**

WITH AN ESTIMATED  
**30,500** NEW CASES  
IN 2014

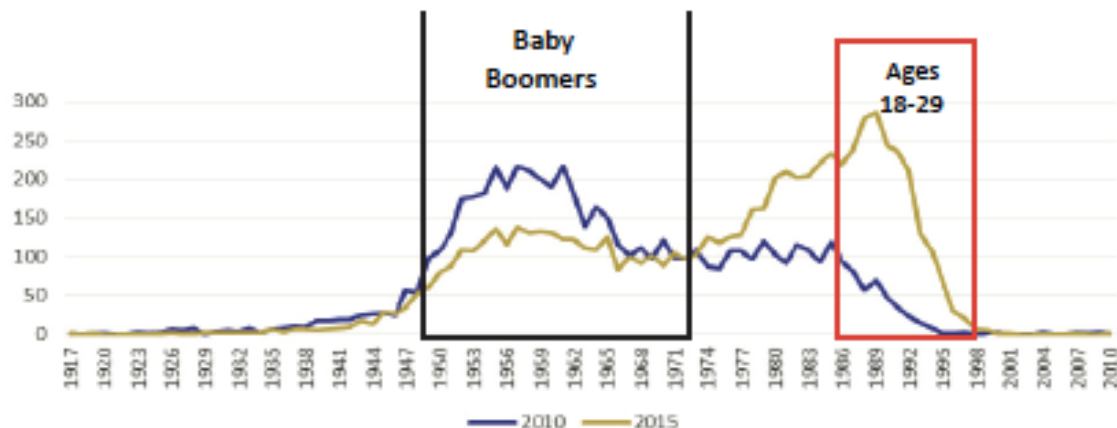


HEPVU.ORG

SOURCE: US CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION

HepVu

Figure 1. Combined acute and chronic hepatitis C cases by year of birth, diagnosed in 2010 and 2015, Indiana.



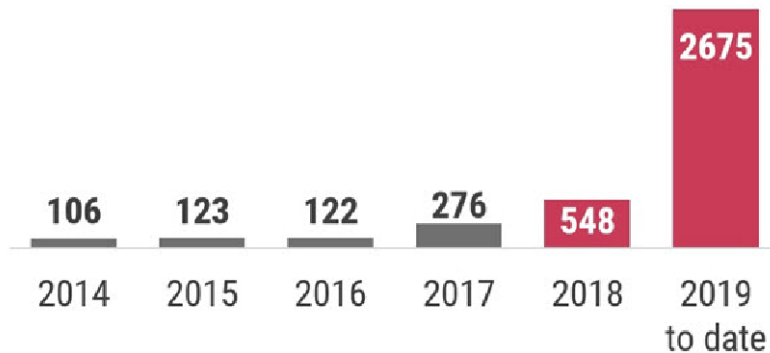


# Hepatitis A in FL-A Drain on Limited Resources

## Hepatitis A in Florida

From January 1, 2018 through September 21, 2019, **3,223** hepatitis A cases were reported.

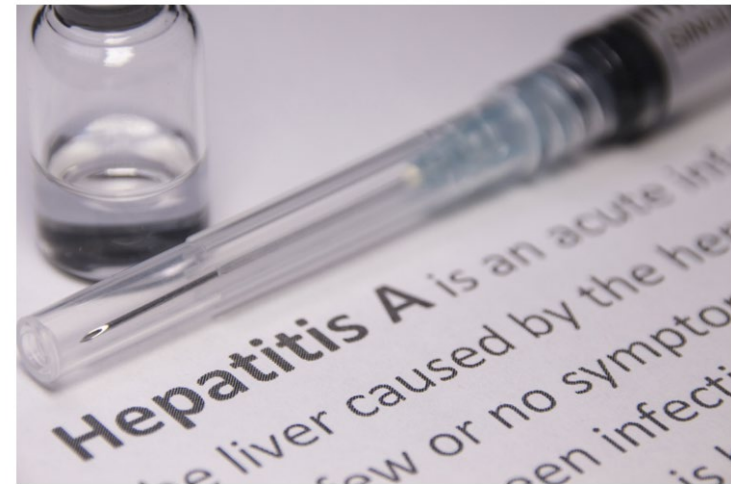
**January 1, 2018 – September 28, 2019**



The number of reported hepatitis A cases more than doubled from 2016 to 2017 and nearly doubled again in 2018 after remaining relatively stable in previous years. Case counts in 2019 have already surpassed those in 2018.

Florida Surgeon General Scott A. Rivkees Issues Public Health Emergency in Response to Hepatitis A Outbreak

August 01, 2019



# Opioid & Health Indicators

## Florida

### HIV

Number of People Living with Diagnosed HIV		U.S.
108,003		989,222
HIV Prevalence per 100,000		
State Rank: 49	610.8	365.5

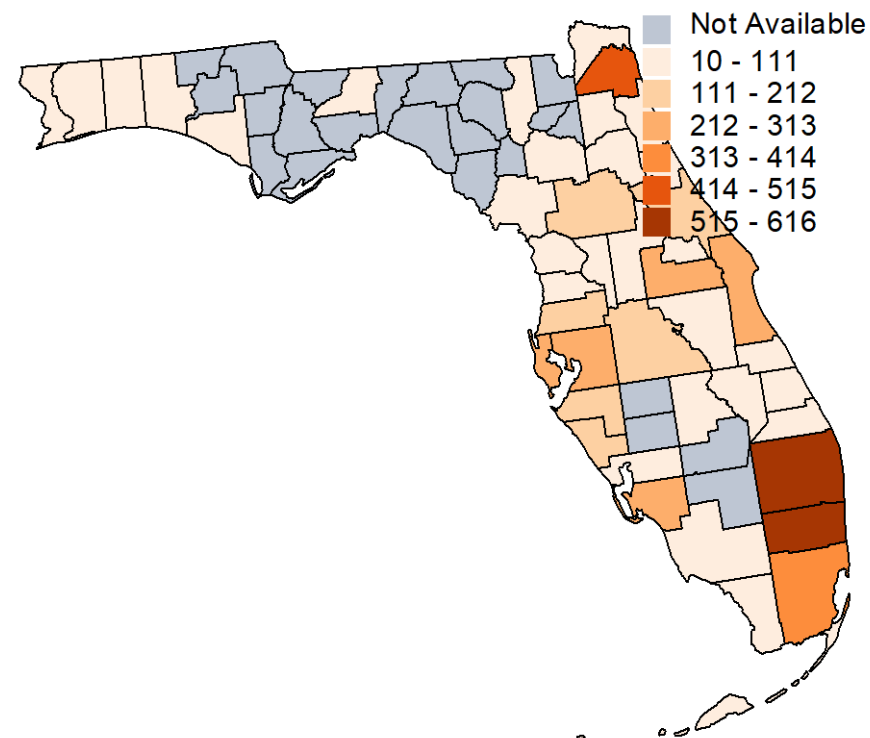
### Hepatitis C (HCV)

Number of People with Hepatitis C		U.S.
	151,000	2,266,700
Estimated Acute Hepatitis C Cases per 100,000		
State Rank: 37	15.29	13.9

### Drug-related Deaths

Drug-related Deaths	U.S.
5,088	70,237
Drug-related Deaths per 100,000	
State Rank: 36 24.2	21.56

### Drug-related Deaths





# Florida Academic Cancer Center Alliance Hepatitis C Virus Elimination Meeting

## Morning Agenda

9:15-10:00am

**Funding opportunities: PCORI PaCR, NIH Promoting Evidence-Based Screening**

Group discussion

10:00-10:30am

**Next steps**

Group discussion

10:30-10:45am

**Break**

10:45-11:00am

**Welcome with stakeholders**

David Nelson

11:00-11:15am

**Overview of HCV elimination efforts in Florida**

Emmanuel Thomas

11:15-12:15pm

**HCV screening portfolio**

University of Florida, University of Miami, Moffitt Cancer Center

12:15pm-1:15pm

**Lunch**

Boxed lunches available in the lobby

# Florida-Syringe Services Program

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## SEP Locations

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Florida (3 SEPs)

SEP Type

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IDEA Exchange	Miami IDEA Exchange-Florida Needle Exchange	Miami	FL
Rebel Recovery FL	Rebel Recovery FL	West Palm Beach	FL

The opioid crisis is fueling a dramatic increase in infectious diseases associated with injection drug use.

Reports of acute hepatitis C virus (HCV) cases rose 3.5-fold from 2010 to 2016.<sup>1</sup>

The majority of new HCV infections are due to injection drug use.

Over 2,500 new HIV infections occur each year among people who inject drugs (PWID).<sup>2</sup>

Syringe Services Programs (SSPs) reduce HIV and HCV infections and are an effective component of comprehensive community-based prevention and intervention programs that provide additional services. These include vaccination, testing, linkage to infectious disease care and substance use treatment, and access to and disposal of syringes and injection equipment.

# Miami IDEA SSP Numbers

New HCV Diagnosis	Total (N)=112
HCV RNA Positive Chronic	77
HCV RNA Positive Acute	2
HCV RNA Positive/HIV Positive	8
HCV RNA Negative	25

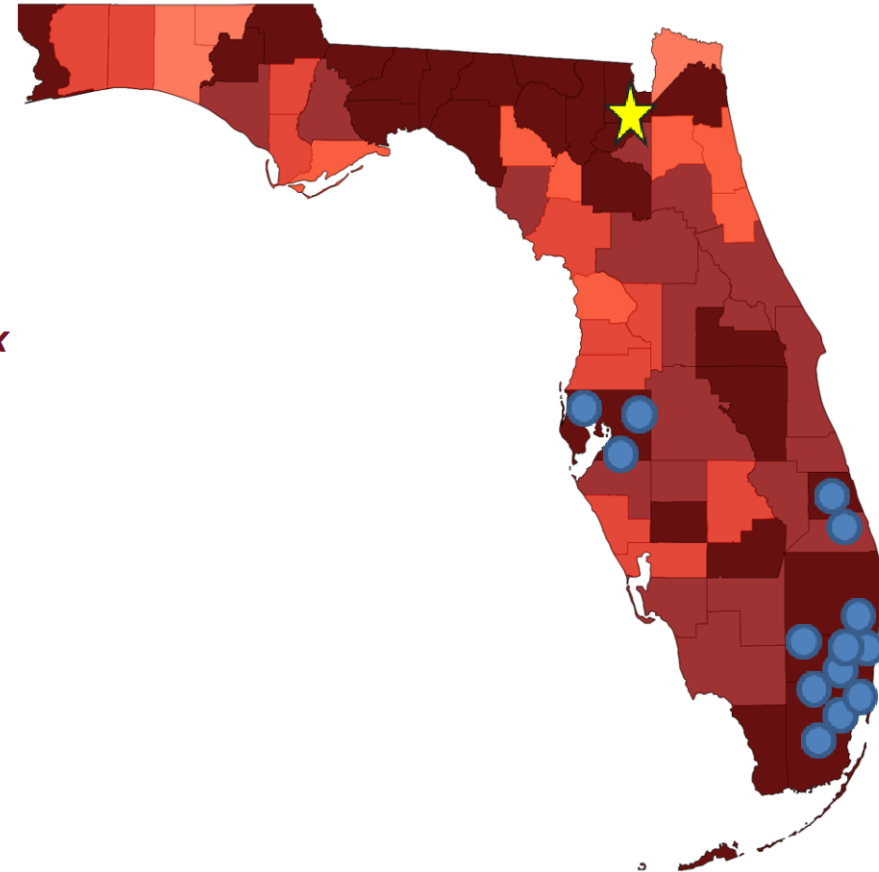
Iyengar et al. *Harm Reduction Journal* (2019) 16:7



# Florida Partner Reach in 2019

## Current FOCUS Partners ●

1. Care Resource
2. Baptist Health South Florida: *Homestead Hospital and West Kendall Baptist Hospital*
3. Tampa General Hospital: *TGH ED & Brandon HealthPlex*
4. Metro Inclusive Health
5. Genesis Community Health
6. Jackson Health Systems: *Jackson Memorial Hospital, Jackson South & Jackson North*
7. FoundCare
8. Memorial Regional Hospital
9. University of Miami's IDEA Exchange
10. University of Miami Health ED
11. University of Florida Health ED Jacksonville\*★



Rates of Persons Living with an HIV Diagnosis  
County, Florida, 2015



\*□ Data not shown to protect privacy because of a small number of cases and/or a small population.

\*\*■ State health department, per its HIV data re-release agreement with CDC, requested not to release data to AIDSvu.

NOTE: There are no counties in Alaska, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

# Florida Counties

*FL had the highest number of newly diagnosed cases in 2016, concentrated in seven counties*

## Ending the HIV Epidemic

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- Broward County
- Duval County
- Hillsborough County
- Miami-Dade County
- **Orange County**
- Palm Beach County
- Pinellas County

# Florida Counties

## *Ending the HIV Epidemic – A Plan for America*

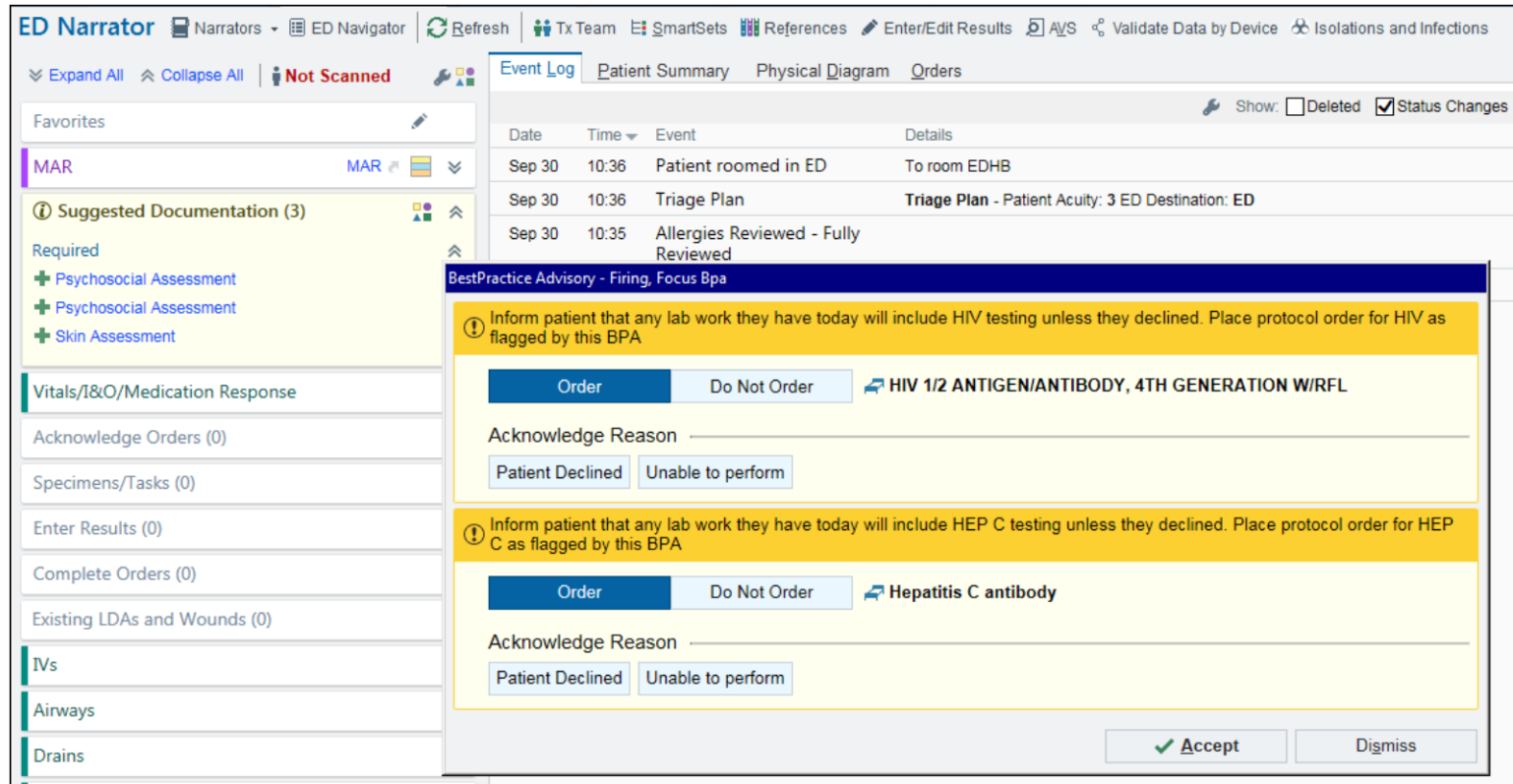
- **Miami-Dade County**
  - M-DC DoH
  - Baptist Health
  - Jackson Health System
  - University of Miami
    - IDEA Exchange
    - UHealth ED
- **Broward County**
  - Broward County DoH
  - Memorial Health System
- **Palm Beach County**
  - Palm Beach County DoH
- **Orange County**
  - Orange County DoH / Dr. Beal
- **Hillsborough County**
  - Hillsborough County DoH
  - Tampa General Hospital
  - Metro Inclusive Health
- **Pinellas County**
  - Pinellas County DoH
  - Metro Inclusive Health
- **Duval County**
  - Duval County DoH
  - UF Health in Jacksonville

# Gilead FOCUS Program

- 1/1/19 \$300,000 per year
- Will Screen approximately 10,000 patients
- Grant supports complete screening infrastructure and linkage to care
- Funding available for subsequent years
- Expand program to screen for HBV
- Data obtained can be leveraged for future grants that will impact our community

Effective Wednesday, October 9, a new **Best Practice Advisory (BPA)** for **HIV/HEP screening** will be available in the Emergency Department at UTower. This BPA will help identify the undiagnosed and facilitate a seamless path to medical care.

The BPA will appear once the nurse opens the patient's chart within the **ED Narrator**.



The screenshot displays the UChart ED Narrator interface. On the left, a sidebar shows various navigation options including Favorites, MAR, Suggested Documentation (3), Required, Vitals/I&O/Medication Response, Acknowledge Orders (0), Specimens/Tasks (0), Enter Results (0), Complete Orders (0), Existing LDAs and Wounds (0), IVs, Airways, and Drains. The main area shows the Event Log with a table of events:

Date	Time	Event	Details
Sep 30	10:36	Patient roomed in ED	To room EDHB
Sep 30	10:36	Triage Plan	Triage Plan - Patient Acuity: 3 ED Destination: ED
Sep 30	10:35	Allergies Reviewed - Fully Reviewed	

A Best Practice Advisory (BPA) window is overlaid on the interface, titled "BestPractice Advisory - Firing, Focus Bpa". It contains two sections:

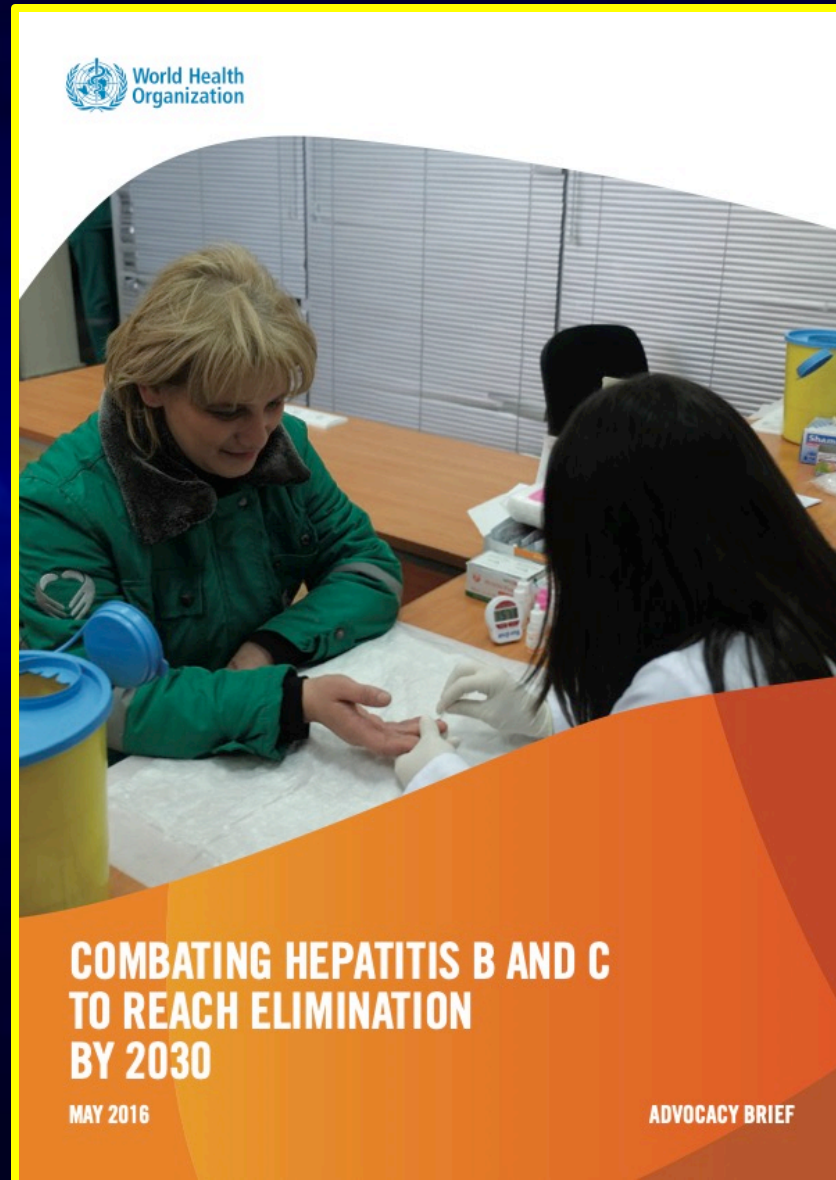
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**Section 2:** Inform patient that any lab work they have today will include HEP C testing unless they declined. Place protocol order for HEP C as flagged by this BPA. Below this text are buttons for "Order" and "Do Not Order". The "Order" button is highlighted, and a protocol order is shown: "Hepatitis C antibody". Below the buttons is an "Acknowledge Reason" field with two options: "Patient Declined" and "Unable to perform".

At the bottom of the BPA window are two buttons: "Accept" (with a green checkmark) and "Dismiss".



# HCV Elimination Program



# HCV Elimination Program

- AASLD meeting in Miami 2/1/2019
- Predict USA achieving WHO goals >2050
- Opioid epidemic (new wave of HCV infec.)
- Lack of an HCV vaccine
- Reinfection
- Currently 8 week treatment regimen
- Lack of ideal POC tests for infection (T&T)
- Less than 100% cure rates
- Cost of Medications

2019 AASLD/EASL HCV  
Special Conference 01-02  
February 2019, Miami, FL

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Global timing of hepatitis C virus elimination: estimating the year countries v the World Health Organization elimination targets

Reported by Jules Levin

2019 AASLD/EASL HCV Special Conference 01-02 February 2019, Miami, FL

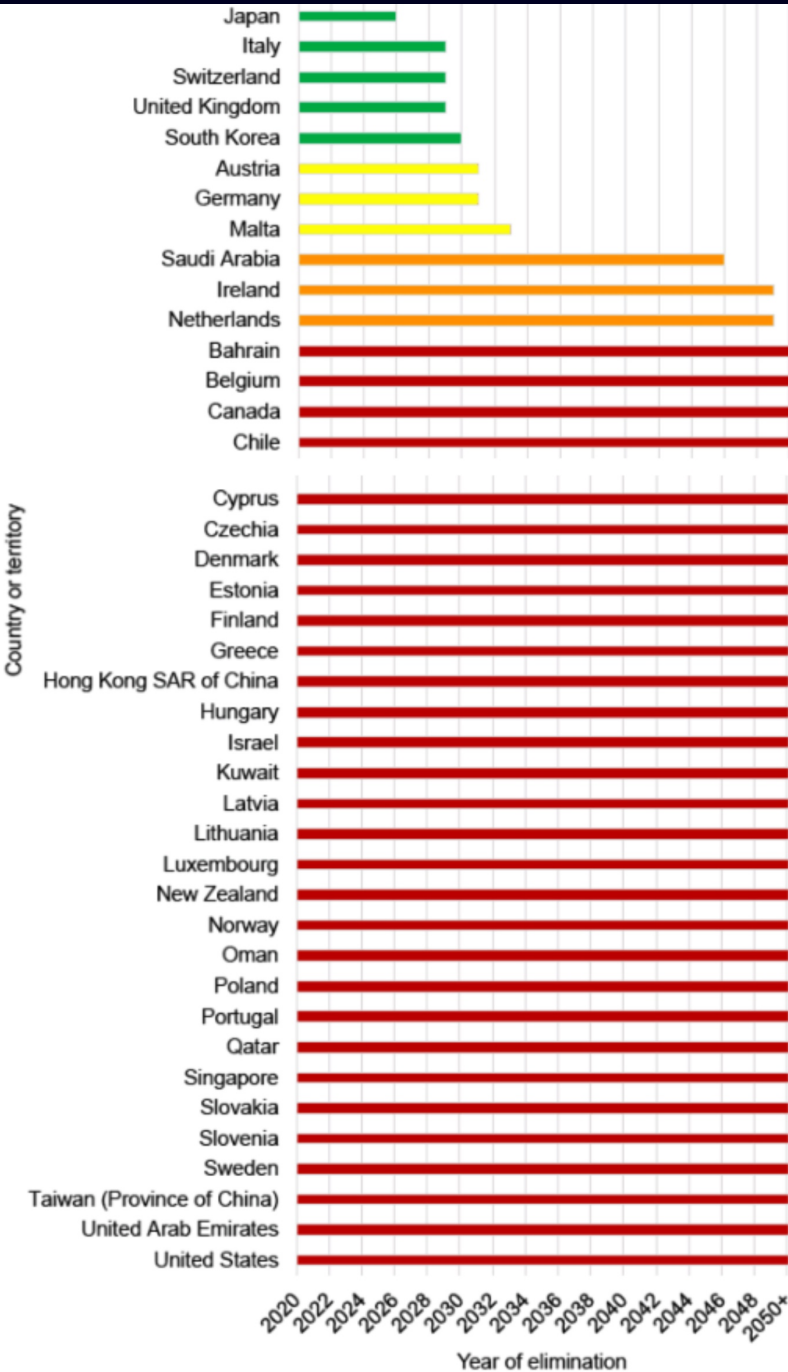
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Conclusions

Despite the introduction of curative therapies, 80% of high-income countries and territories are on track to meet the WHO's targets that would eliminate HCV as a public health threat by 2030 while 67% are off-track by at least 20 years. Immediate action to improve HCV diagnosis and treatment is needed to make the global elimination of HCV by 2030 an attainable goal.

Background

- The introduction of highly efficacious pan-genotypic therapies for hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection has made the elimination of HCV an attainable goal
- This study assessed the progress made in 45 high-income countries and territories towards meeting the 2030 HCV elimination targets by the World Health Organization (WHO) for incidence, mortality, diagnosis, and treatment



HCV — hepatitis C virus; Hong Kong SAR of China — Hong Kong Special

# Curing HCV-Infected Uninsured Patients Treatment Cascade

DeBose-Scarlett et al. *J Transl Med* (2018) 16:178  
https://doi.org/10.1186/s12967-018-1555-y

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## RESEARCH

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## Obstacles to successful treatment of hepatitis C in uninsured patients from a minority population

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### Abstract

**Background:** Hepatitis C virus (HCV) treatment regimens (DAAs) are well tolerated, efficacious but costly. Their high cost and restricted availability, raises concerns about the outcome of treatment in uninsured patients. This study investigated sustained virologic response (SVR) outcomes in a predominately uninsured patient population and completion of four steps along the HCV treatment cascade.

**Methods:** A retrospective chart review was conducted to characterize the patient population and analyze covariates to determine association with insurance status, attainment of SVR and progression through the HCV treatment cascade.

**Results:** Out of a total of 216 patients, 154 (71%) were uninsured. Approximately 50% of patients (109 of 216 patients) were male and 57% were Hispanic (123 of 216 patients). Sex, race, ethnicity, treatment compliance, and rates of complications were not associated with insurance status. Insured patients were older (median 60 years vs 57 years,  $p$ -value < 0.001) and had higher rates of cirrhosis: 32 out of 62 patients (52%) vs 48 out of 154 patients (31%) ( $p$ -value = 0.005). Insured patients were tested for SVR at similar rates as uninsured patients: 84% (52 of 62 patients) vs 81% (125 of 154 patients), respectively. Of those tested for SVR, the cure rate for insured patients was 98% (51 out of 52 patients) compared to 97% (121 out of 125 patients) in the uninsured. Out of those who completed treatment, 177 of 189 (94%) were tested for attainment of SVR. Compliance rates were significantly different between tested and untested patients: 88% (156 of 177 patients) vs 0% (0 of 12 patients), respectively ( $p$ -value < 0.001). However, insurance status, race ethnicity, cirrhosis, and complications were not associated with being tested for SVR.

**Conclusions:** These results demonstrate that insured and uninsured patients with chronic HCV infection, with access to patient assistance programs, can be treated and have comparable clinical outcomes. In addition, testing for SVR remains an important obstacle in completion of the HCV treatment cascade. Nevertheless, patient assistance programs remove a significant barrier for treatment access in real-world HCV infected populations.

**Keywords:** Hepatitis C virus, Sustained virologic response, Direct acting antivirals, Uninsured, Minority

### Background

Hepatitis C virus (HCV) is a significant global health problem [1, 2]. An estimated 130–180 million individuals are currently infected [3], with 3–4 million new infections

each year [3]. An estimated 2.7–3.9 million people in the United States currently live with HCV and 15,000 die each year due to HCV disease and resultant hepatic complications [4]. However, these numbers are likely an underestimation of the true disease burden because the highest risk groups are often under-represented in general population studies [5].

Approximately 85% of infections progress to chronicity [3]. Chronic infection can lead to cirrhosis, hepatocellular

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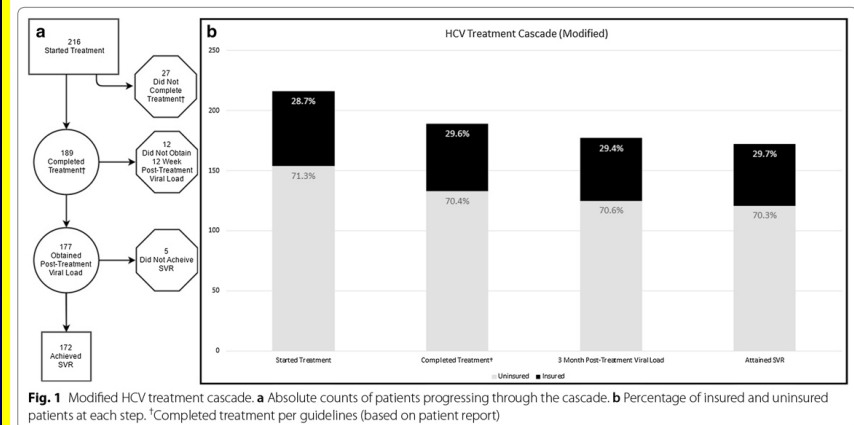
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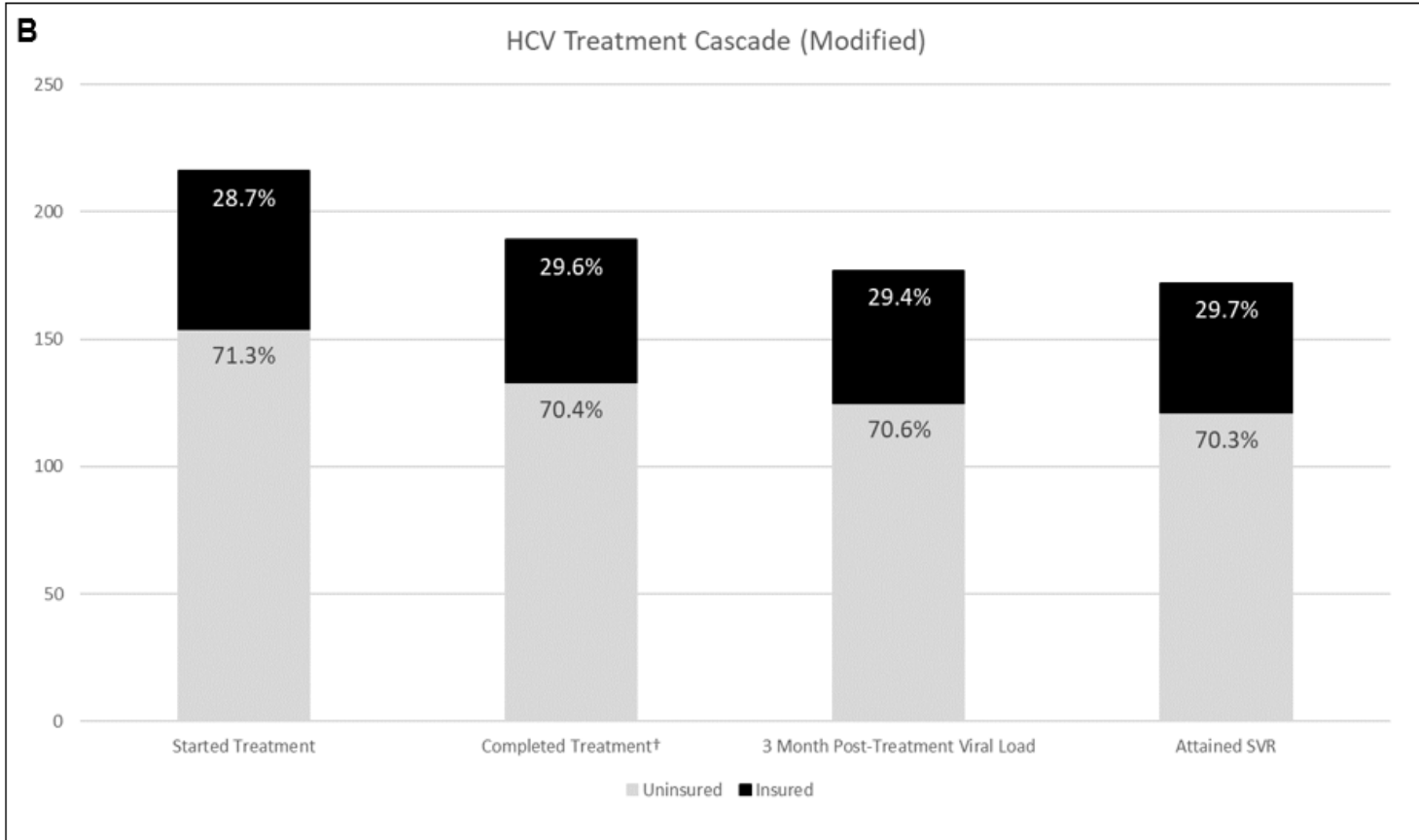
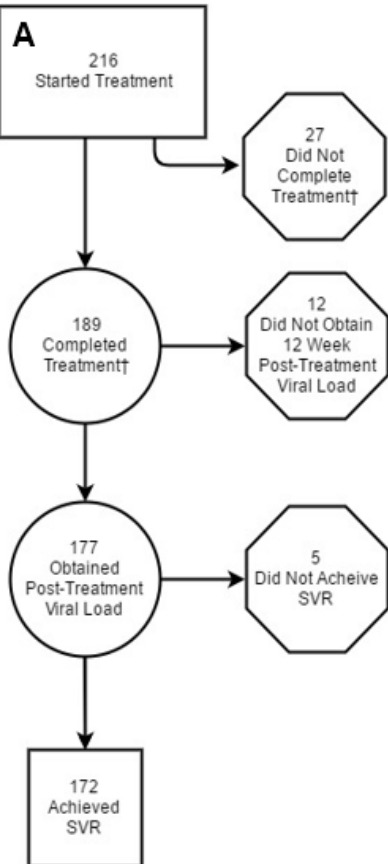


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# HCV Treatment Outcomes





# **FL DOH Funding**

- **5-year \$2M Clinical Cancer Research Award**
- **Identify Covariates for HCC Development**
  - South Florida cohort of patients with liver disease at risk to develop HCC
  - Cross-sectional study of existing data
  - Prospective, longitudinal study incorporating yearly Fibroscan
  - To understand which patients are most at risk of developing HCC to facilitate early detection.

# Non-Invasive Assessment of Fibrosis

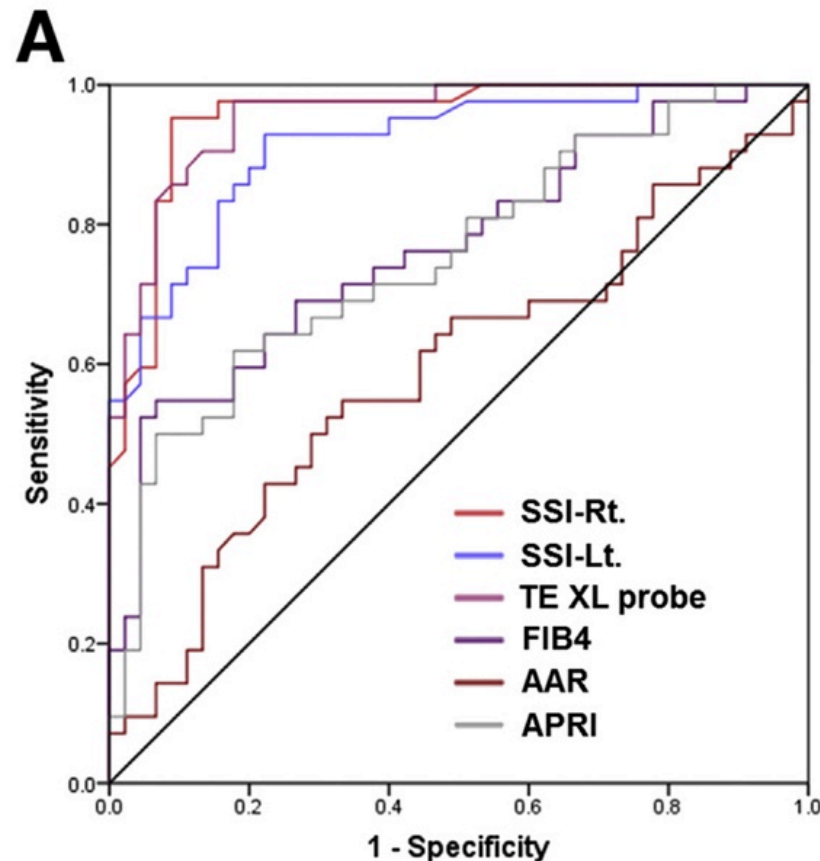
- Initial Cross-sectional study
- Utilizes Transient Elastography (Liver Stiffness increases with fibrosis/cirrhosis)
- Yoneda M, Thomas E, Schiff ER: *Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology* 2015



# Non-Invasive Assessment of Fibrosis in Obese Patients

- Yoneda M, Thomas E....Schiff ER: *Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology* 2015

August 2015



**Figure 3.** Receiver-operating characteristic curves for detecting (A) severe fibrosis (fibrosis stages 3-4) and (B) cirrhosis in 124 biopsy-proven patients with liver disease from all etiologies.

# Non-Invasive Assessment of Fibrosis

				Liver Biopsy							
				Metavir (F)	N						
				0	48						
				1	111						
				2	104						
				3	56						
				4	154						
				Total	473						
Category		F4 Only									
No		319									
Yes		154									
UVA				MVA1				MVA2			
Covariate	OR	p-value	AUC	Covariate	OR	p-value	AUC	Covariate	OR	p-value	AUC
age	1.03	0.0173	0.568	age	1.01	0.5045	0.94				0.94
bmi	1.05	0.0523	0.56	bmi	1.01	0.8708					
ast	1.01	<.0001	0.625	ast	1	0.9797					
alt	1	0.3503	0.514								
platelets	0.98	<.0001	0.827	platelets	0.983	0.0003		platelets	0.98	<.0001	
albumin	0.06	<.0001	0.788	albumin	0.21	0.0019		albumin	0.19	0.0005	
fib4 index	2.11	<.0001	0.833	fib4 index	1.01	0.966					
fibroscan	1.23	<.0001	0.925	fibroscan	1.15	<.0001		fibroscan	1.15	<.0001	
Category		F3 & F4									
No		263									
Yes		210									
UVA				MVA1				MVA2			
Covariate	OR	p-value	AUC	Covariate	OR	p-value	AUC	Covariate	OR	p-value	AUC
age	1.02	0.0578	0.554	age	0.98	0.3009	0.891				0.888
bmi	1.06	0.0231	0.557	bmi	1.01	0.7465					
ast	1.01	<.0001	0.597	ast	0.99	0.0768					
alt	1	0.2367	0.508								
platelets	0.99	<.0001	0.743	platelets	1	0.9694		platelets	0.995	0.0223	
albumin	0.15	<.0001	0.701	albumin	1.11	0.8099					
fib4 index	1.95	<.0001	0.754	fib4 index	1.54	0.042					
fibroscan	1.28	<.0001	0.884	fibroscan	1.26	<.0001		fibroscan	1.28	<.0001	

# Non-Invasive Assessment of Fibrosis

Analysis of Clinical Parameters of Liver Disease Based on Race Data from UM EHR.							
Race	All	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Hispanic	Others	Unknown	
Variable	N; Mean±SD	N; Mean±SD	N; Mean±SD	N; Mean±SD	N; Mean±SD	N; Mean±SD	p-value
BMI	995;26.8±4.6	557;26.6±4.5	130;27.8±5.2	229;27.1±4.7	23;23.5±2.8	56;26.1±4.3	0.0001
AST	1169;54.5±66.6	642;55.3±51.9	151;51.8±71.4	284;56.7±94.8	29;43.8±38.5	63;47.5±38.7	0.1723
ALT	1171;63.1±70.1	643;66.5±68.2	151;55.3±90.4	284;62.0±66.9	29;52.8±51.3	64;57.7±51.6	0.0194
Platelets (10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	1171;193.1±73.2	643;192.4±72.6	151;192.6±70.7	283;194.0±75.9	29;206.3±78.8	65;191.3±72.0	0.7921
Albumin (g/dl)	1158;4.3±1.4	636;4.4±1.9	151;4.2±0.5	281;4.3±0.5	28;4.4±0.3	62;4.3±0.4	0.0136
FIB4 Index	985;2.7±2.8	551;2.7±3.1	130;2.3±1.6	227;2.8±3.0	23;1.9±1.5	54;2.3±1.4	0.2334
Fibroscan (LSM)	1943;11.5±11.6	648;11.9±11.2	149;12.2±12.0	283;12.2±12.4	29;8.3±5.9	834;10.9±11.6	0.0010



# Non-Invasive Assessment of Fibrosis

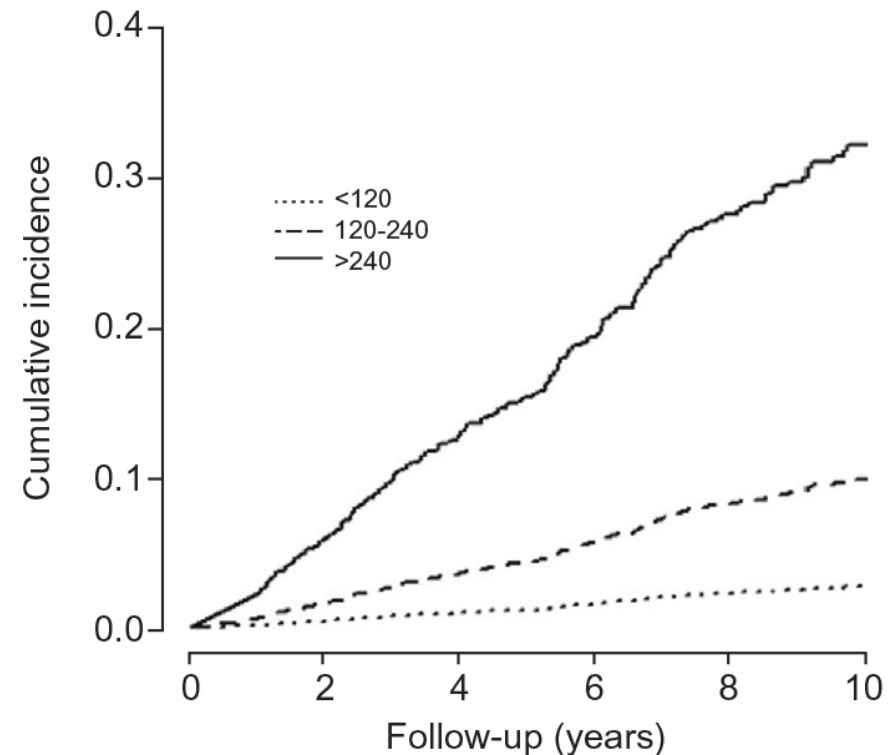
## HCC Risk Stratification

**Components of the Toronto HCC Risk Index.**

Risk Factor	Score
<b>Age</b>	
<45	0
45–60	50
>60	100
<b>Etiology</b>	
Autoimmune	0
HCV SVR	0
Other	36
Steatohepatitis	54
HCV	97
HBV	97
<b>Gender</b>	
Female	0
Male	80
<b>Platelets</b>	
>200	0
140–200	20
80–139	70
<80	89
<b>Total</b>	0–366

HBV, Hepatitis B virus; HCV, Hepatitis C virus; SVR, sustained virologic response.

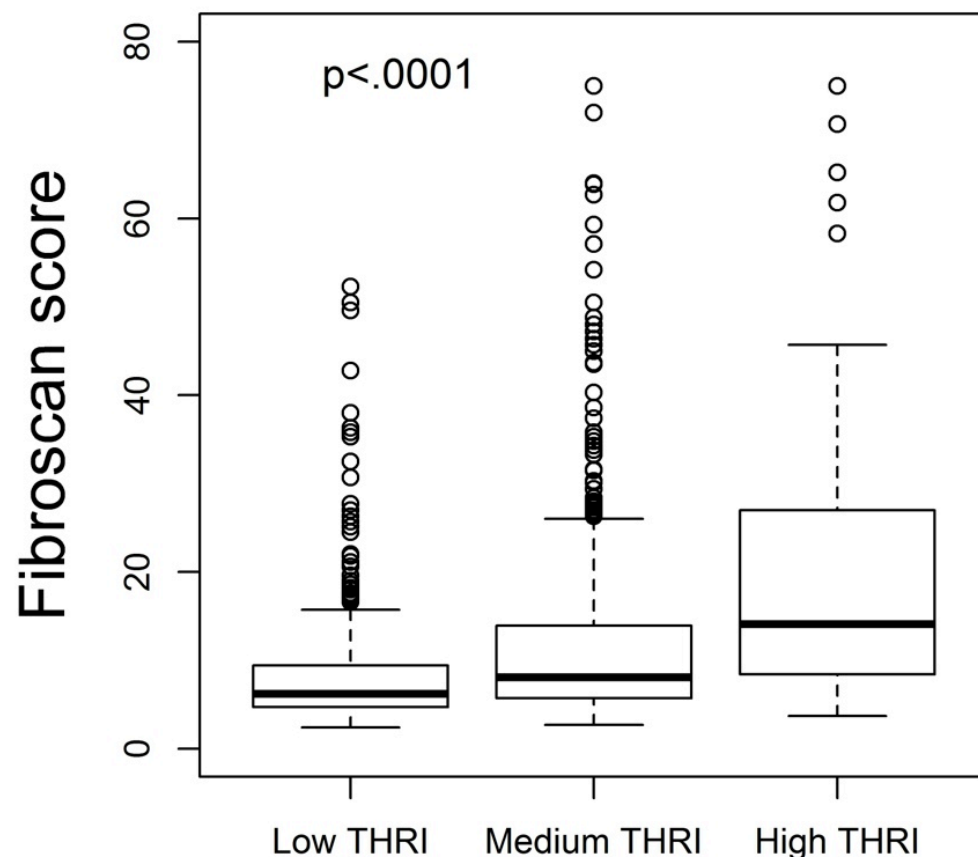
**Cumulative HCC incidence by THRI risk category**



*Sharma et al., THRI, Journal of Hepatology, August, 2017*

# Non-Invasive Assessment of Fibrosis

## HCC Risk Stratification



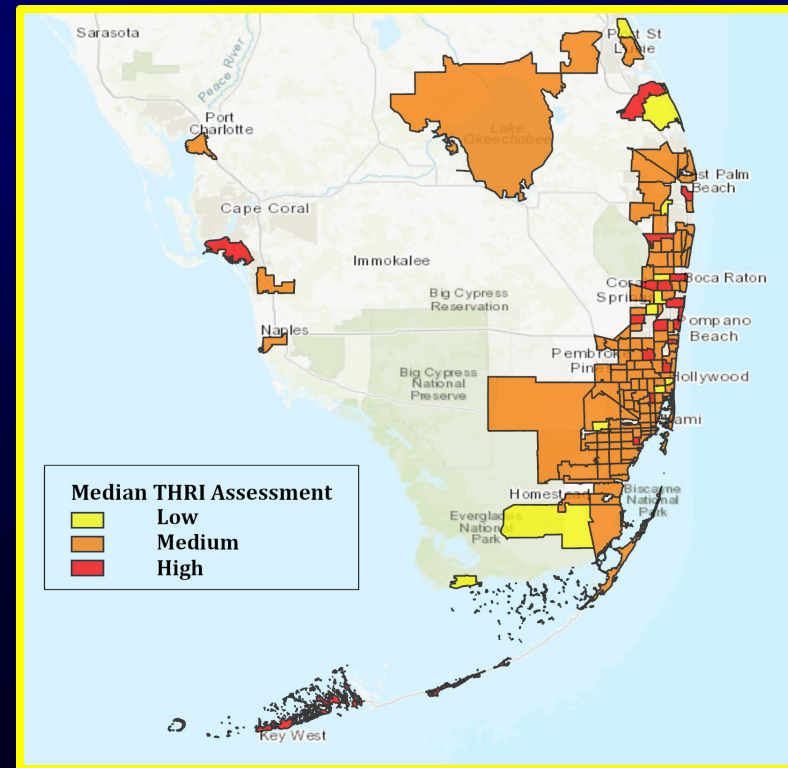
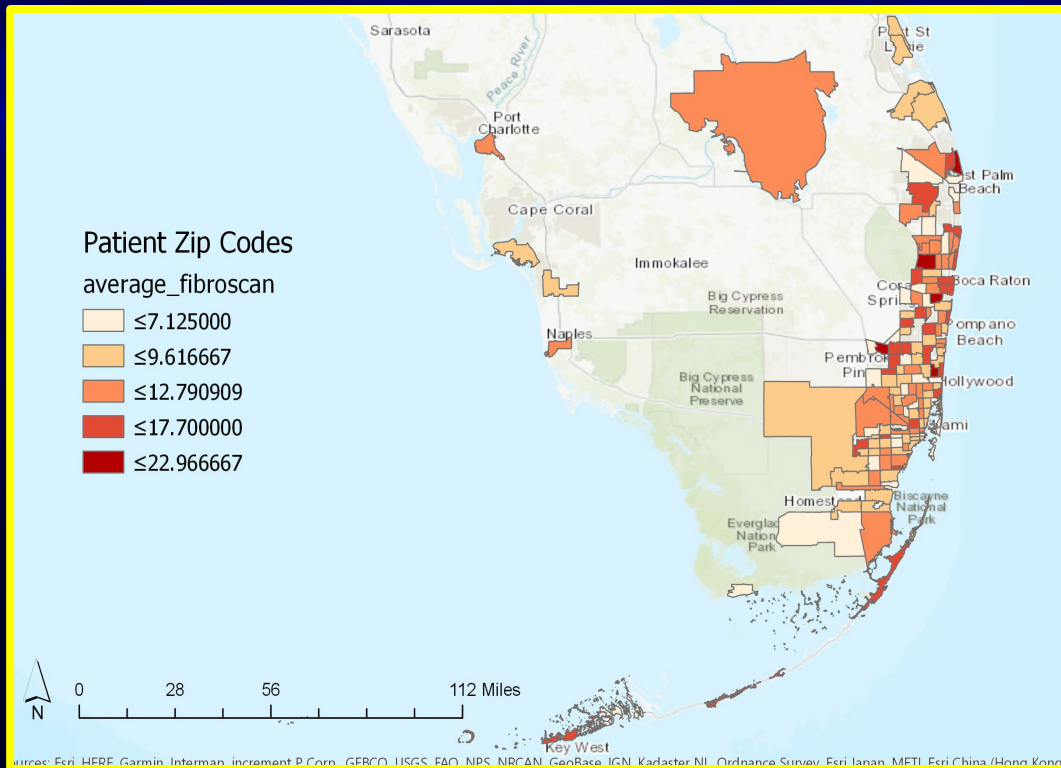
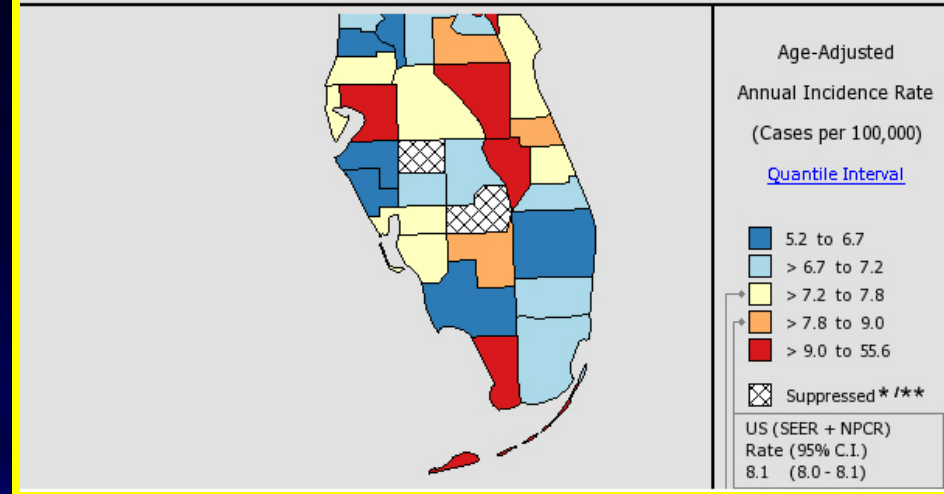
		UVA F4		
N		OR	p-value	AUC
891	Age	1.048	<.0001	0.647
886	BMI	1.007	0.688	0.523
861	AST	1.008	<.0001	0.635
861	ALT	1.001	0.2649	0.542
891	Platelets	0.981	<.0001	0.808
857	Albumin	0.13	<.0001	0.75
833	Fib4 index	1.445	<.0001	0.818
891	Fibroscan	1.094	<.0001	0.877
886	BMI Cat. (ref: Underwgt/Normal)			
	obese	1.345	0.1221	0.532
891	Scan Cat.(ref: <7)			
	7-11.9	4.187	0.0032	0.837
	12+	46.987	<.0001	
891	THRI (ref: Low)			
	Intermediate	5.567	0.0011	0.703
	High	18.301	<.0001	
844	AST/ALT	2.888	<.0001	0.691
817	APRI	1.769	<.0001	0.761

Tatsumi et al., Fibroscan & HCC, Hepatology Research, May, 2015.

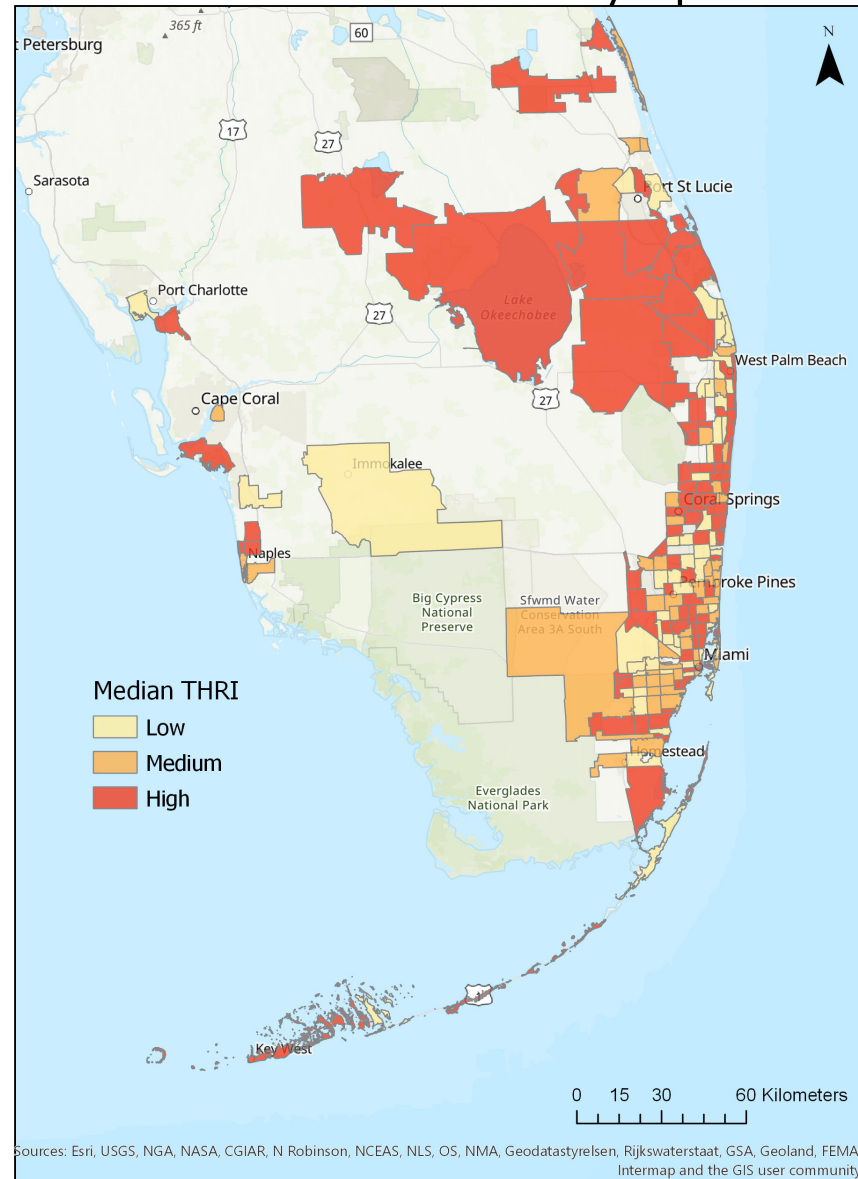
Sharma et al., THRI, Journal of Hepatology, August, 2017 (Based on Age, Sex, Liver Disease Etiology, Platelets).

# Geographic Assessment of Clinical Parameters

**Incidence Rates<sup>†</sup> for Florida**  
**Liver & Bile Duct, 2011 - 2015**  
**All Races (includes Hispanic), Both Sexes, All Ages**

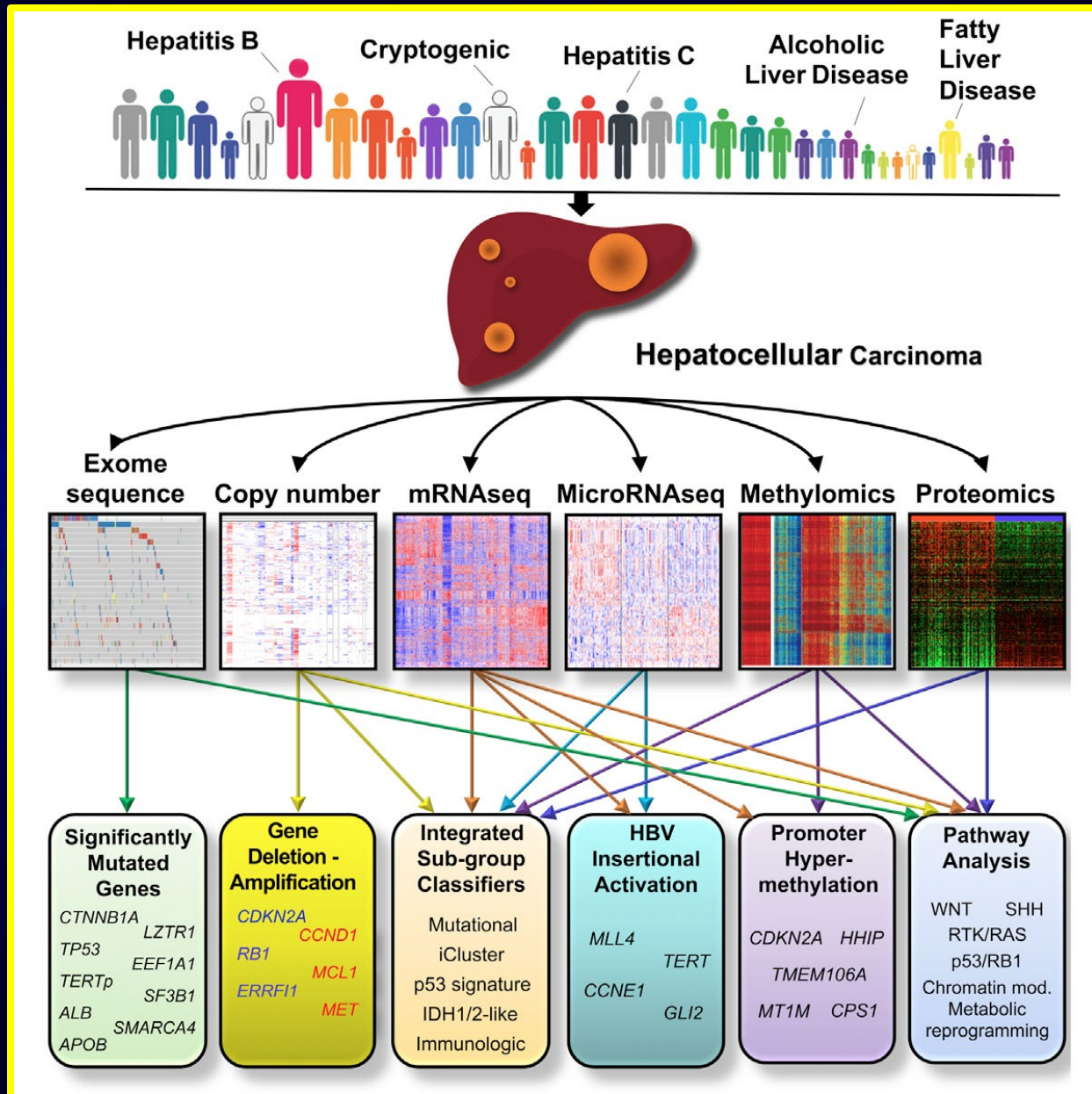


# HCV Patient Median THRI by Zip Code



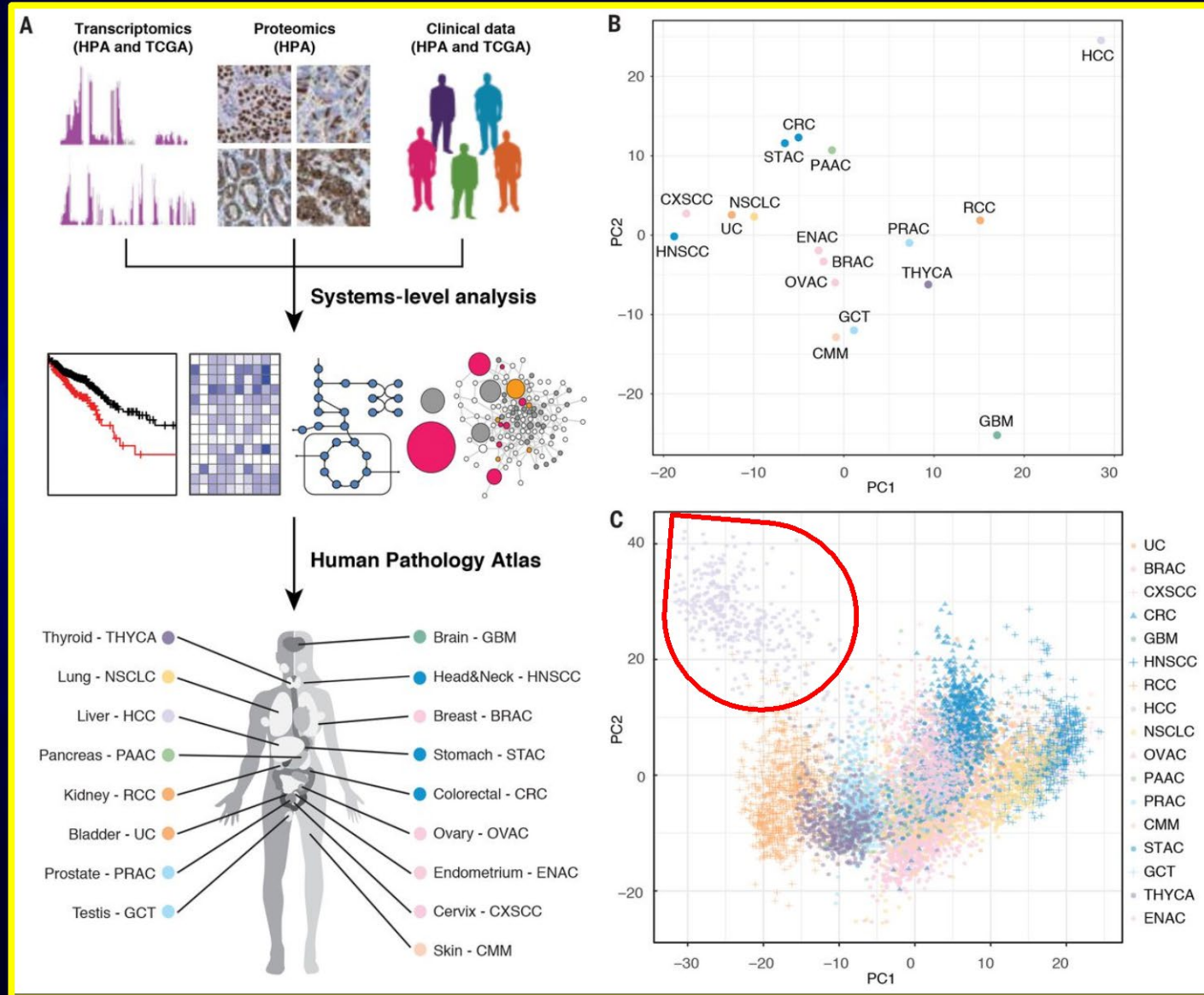


# Comprehensive and Integrative Genomic Characterization of Hepatocellular Carcinoma (Somatic Mutations)



77% of HCCs studied had mutations in TERT, p53, & WNT  
Driver Mutations Not Druggable

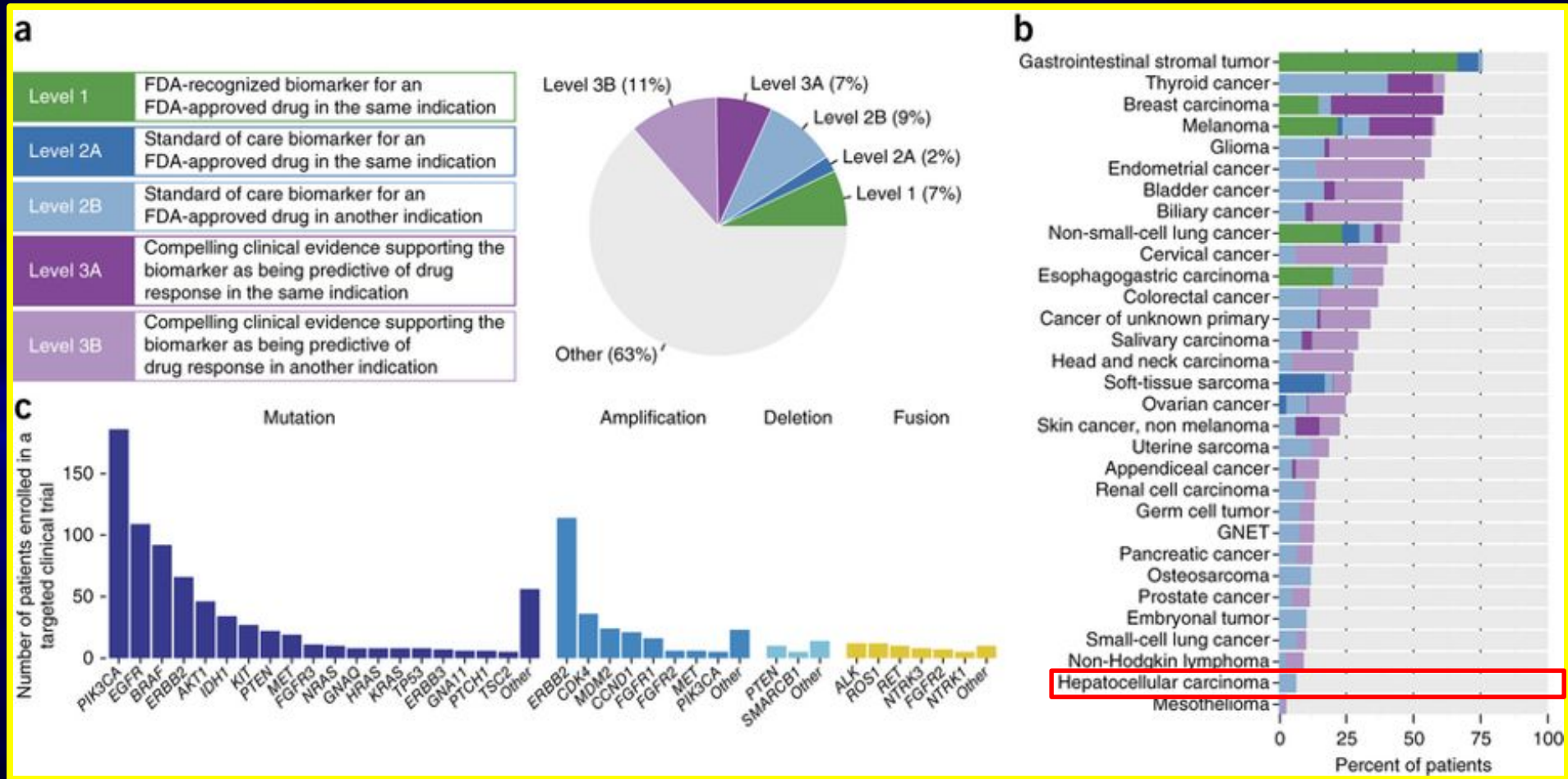
# HCC -omic Diversity



*Uhlen et al. Science*  
2017



# HCC and Targeted Therapy

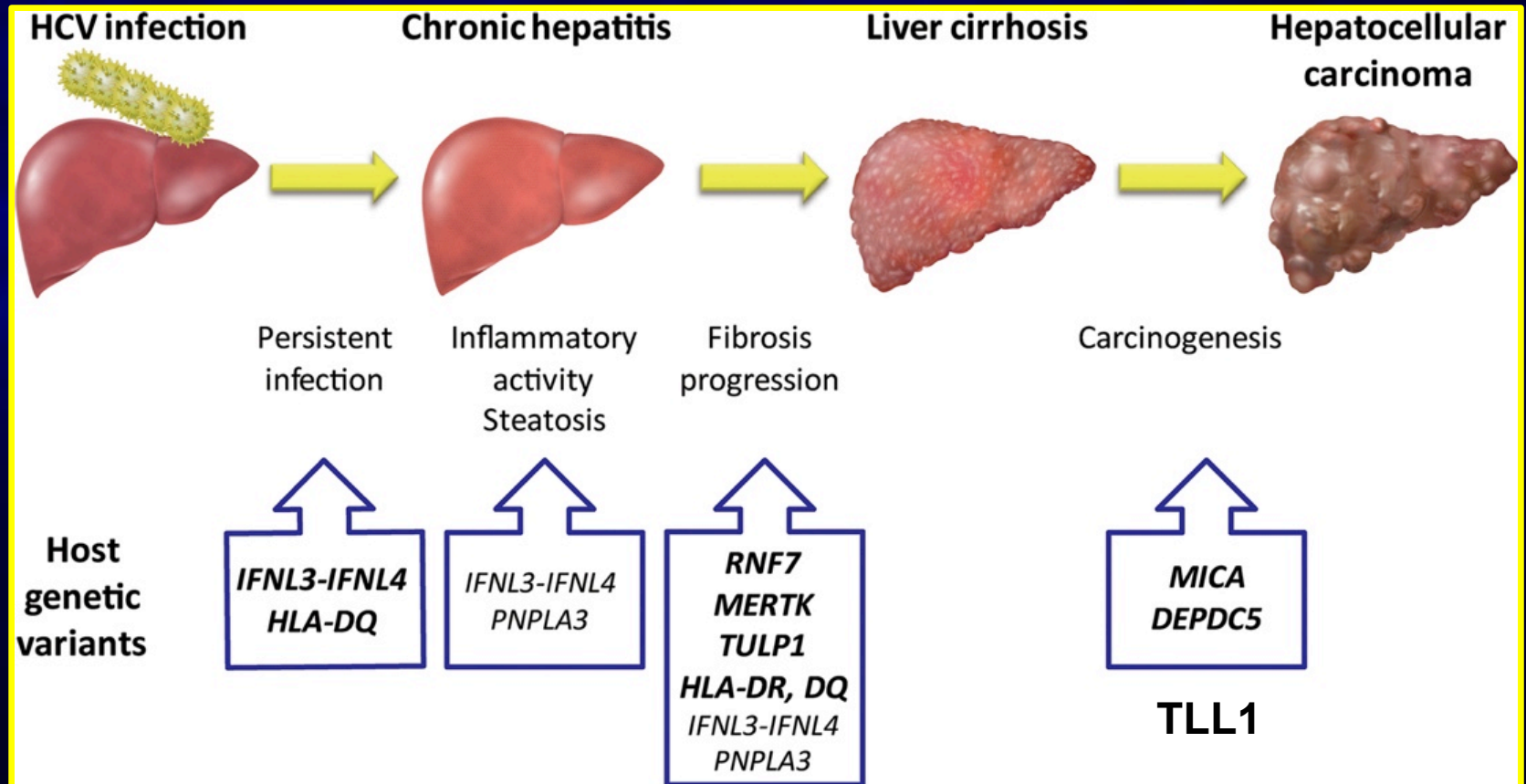


Zehir et al. Nat. Med. 2017 (MSK-IMPACT)

# Germline Mutations and HCC

*Matsuura & Tanaka Journal of Medical Virology 88:185–195 (2016)*

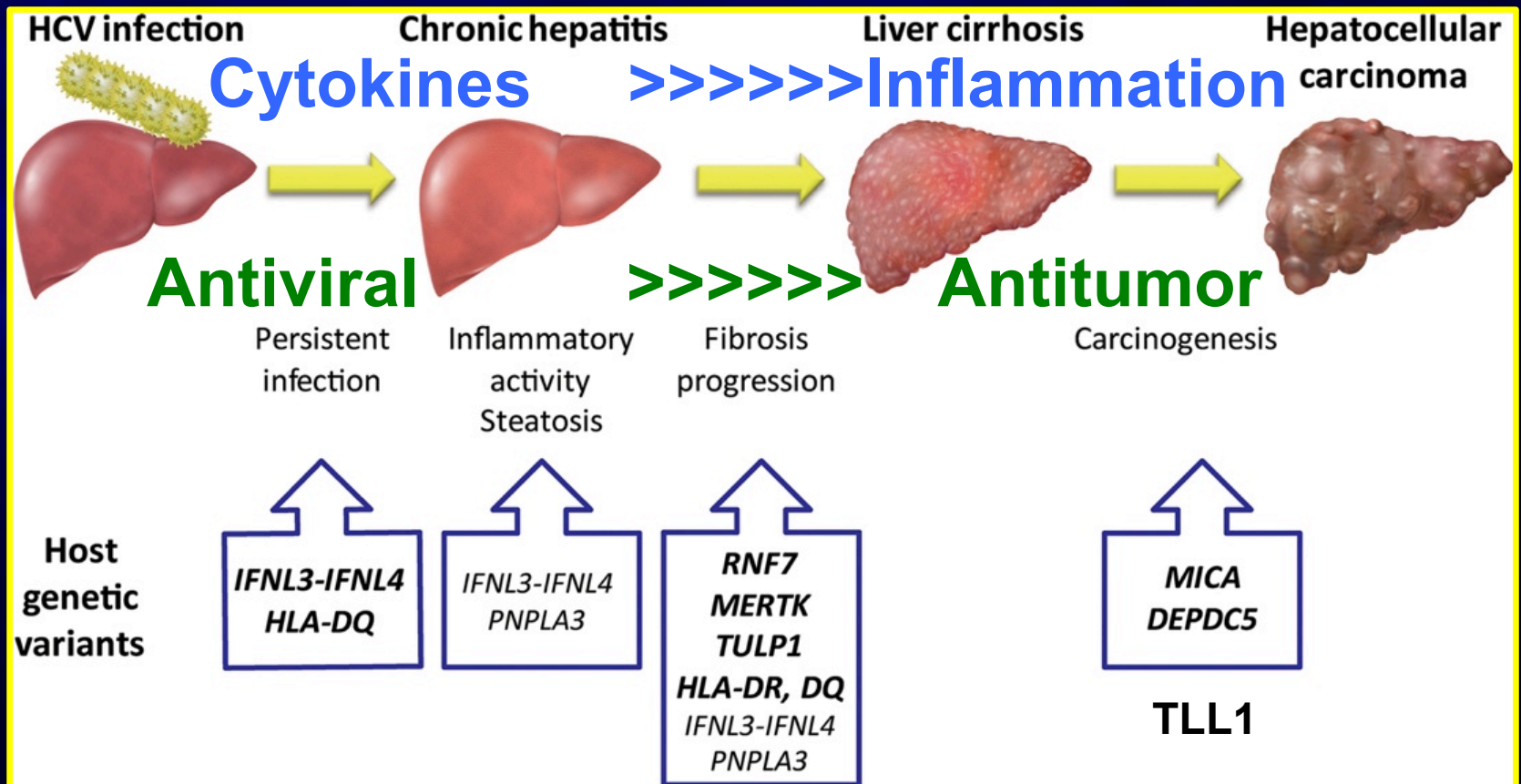
- Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs)



# Novel Genetic Approaches

Matsuura & Tanaka *Journal of Medical Virology* 88:185–195 (2016)

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# Longitudinal Study to Identify Patients with Advancing Liver Disease

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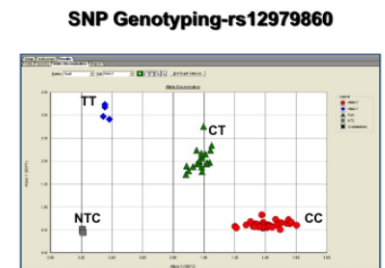
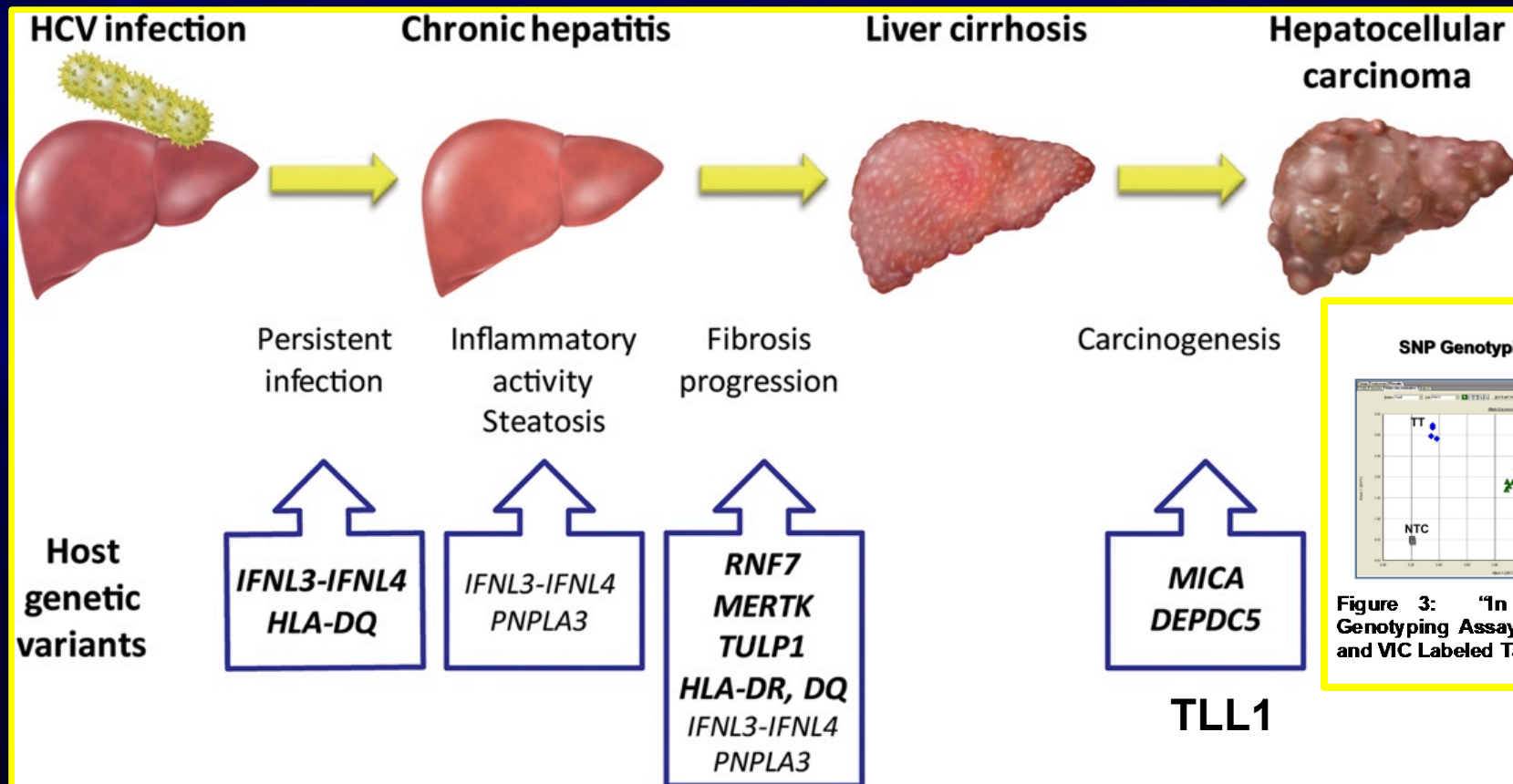
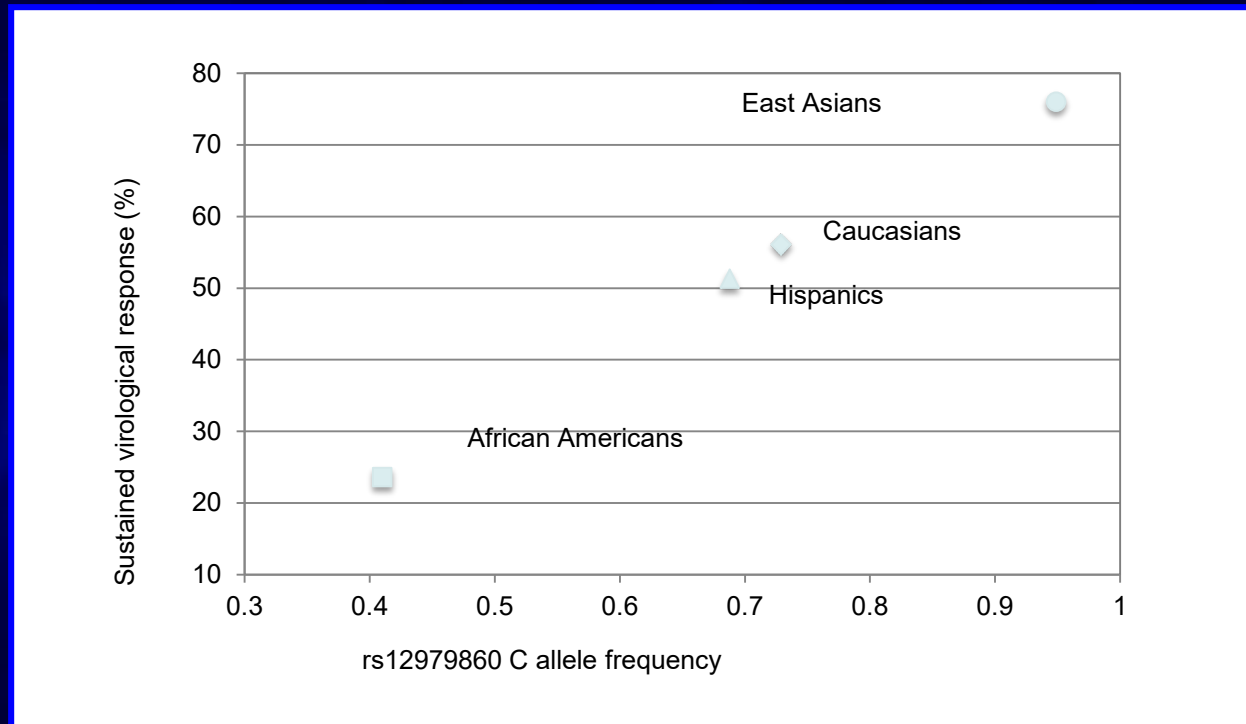


Figure 3: "In House" SNP Genotyping Assay Utilizing FAM and VIC Labeled TaqMan Probes.

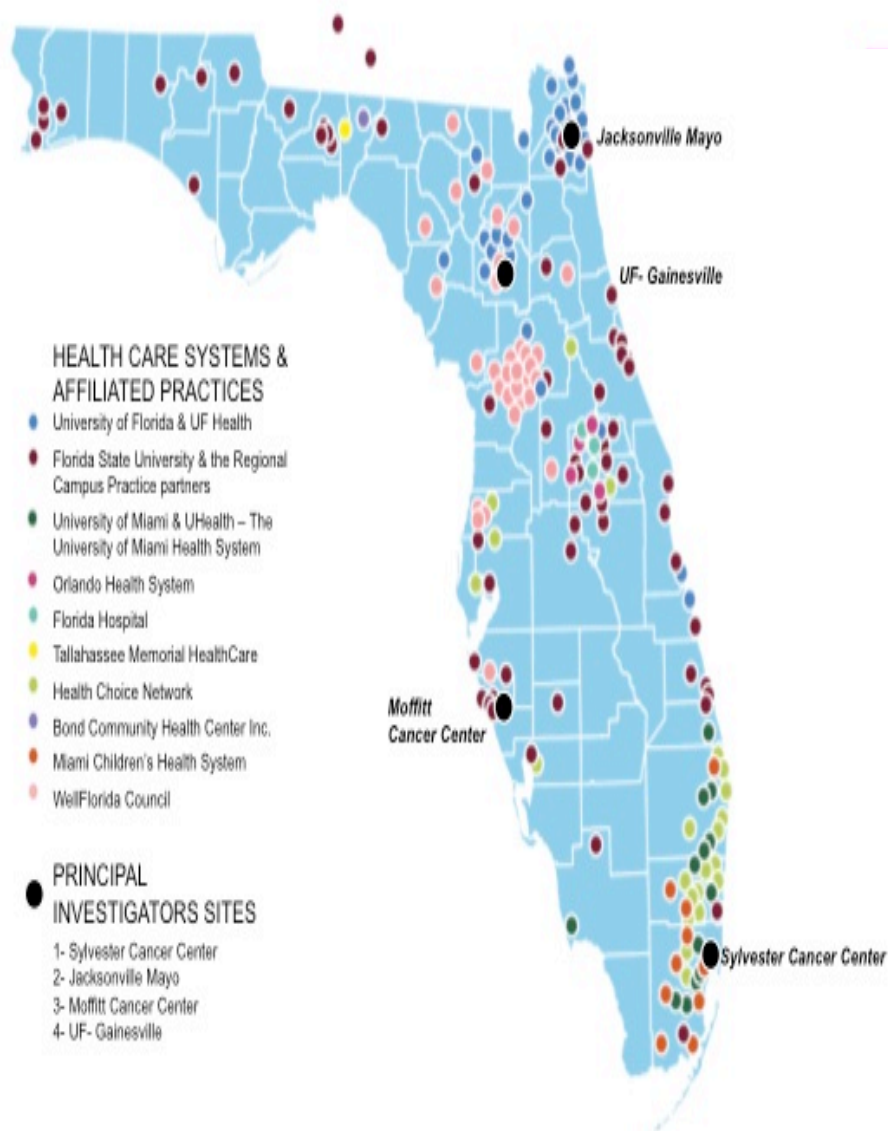
# Differences in C allele prevalence contribute the recognized ethnic disparities in SVR rate



~ Half of the difference in SVR between Caucasians and African-Americans could be accounted for by the observed difference in frequency of the C allele



# Expansion-Statewide Efforts



## University of Florida

- David Nelson
- Betsy Shenkman

## Moffitt Cancer Center

- Anna Giuliano

## Jacksonville Mayo Clinic

- Samuel Antwi

MVA	OR	p-value	AUC
AST	0.997	0.1409	0.891
FIB-4 Index	1.293	<.0001	
Fibroscan	1.075	<.0001	
MVA	OR	p-value	AUC
AST	0.999	0.6231	0.832
FIB-4 Index	1.043	0.5607	
Est. Fibroscan	1.167	<.0001	

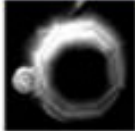




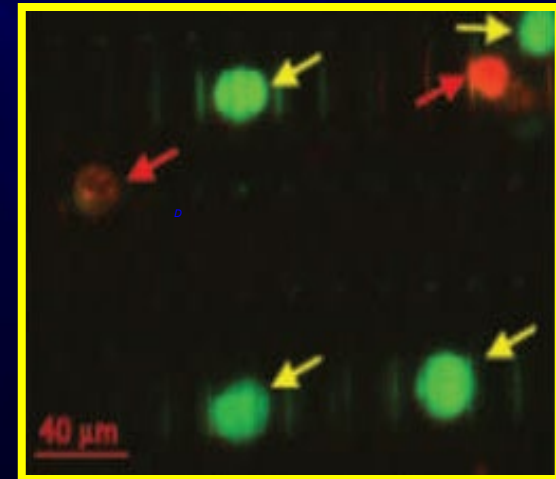
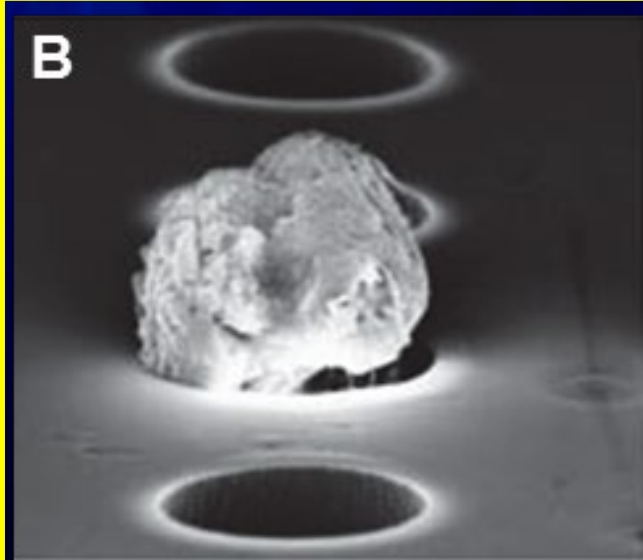
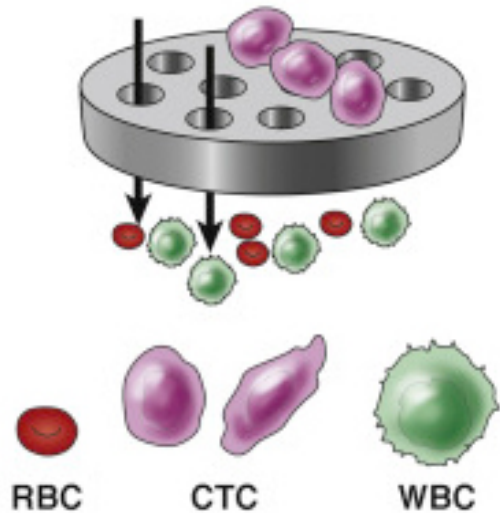
# HCC Early Detection Program

- Identify Covariates for HCC Development
  - Prospective, longitudinal study w/ genetic analyses incorporating risk stratification
    - 1) Circulating Tumor Cells-CTCs
    - 2) MRI/CT Surveillance (Prediction and Dx)
    - 3) Genomics

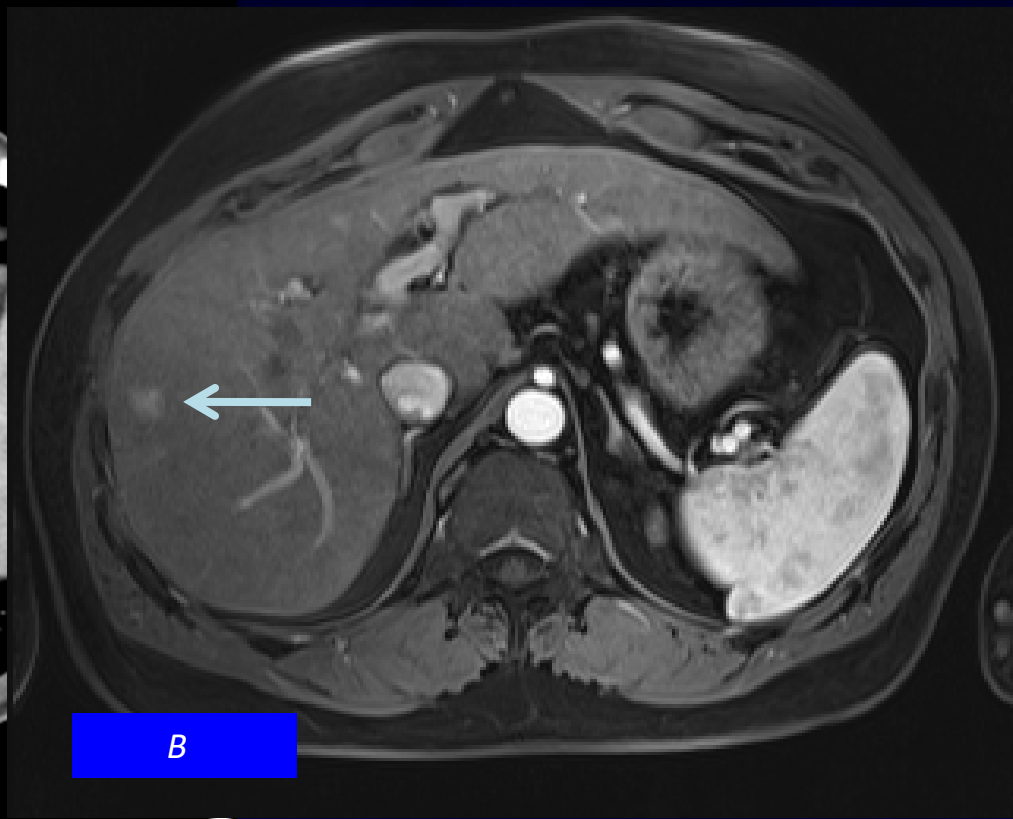
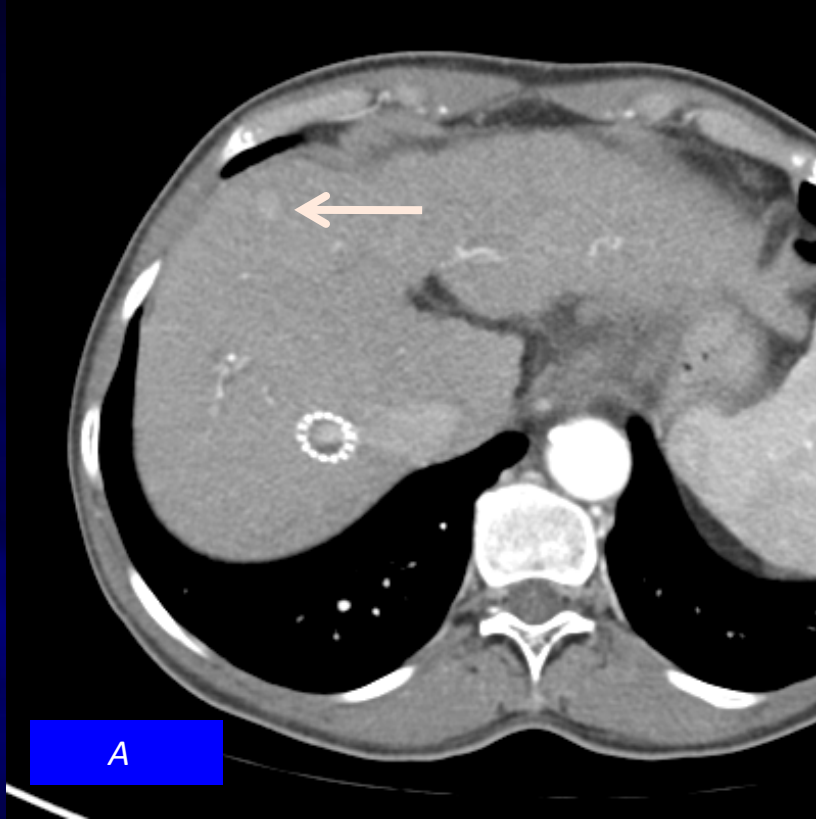
# Circulating Tumor Cells: Capture, Enumeration, Analyses

10-100 cells per mL

Cell Type	 CTC	 Erythrocyte	 Leukocyte
Size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	12-25	5-7	7-15



# Early Detection of HCC-Imaging



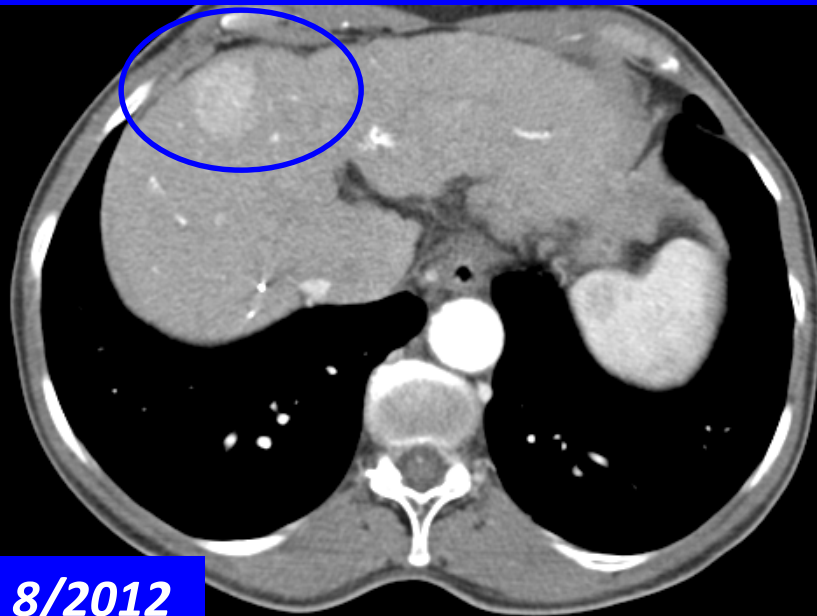
*These 2 patients have risk factors for HCC; these small hypervascular lesions are nearly equal in size. One of these progressed to HCC.*



8/2011



*Patient A of the previous image progressed, in 1 year, from an 8 mms to a 30 mms HCC.*



8/2012



*Dr. Beatrice Madrazo*



## BACKGROUND AND AIMS

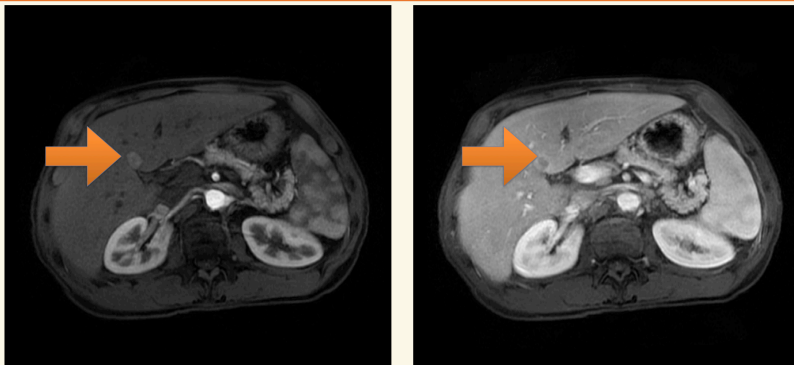
To describe specific imaging findings of early hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) in correlation with clinical parameters

## METHOD

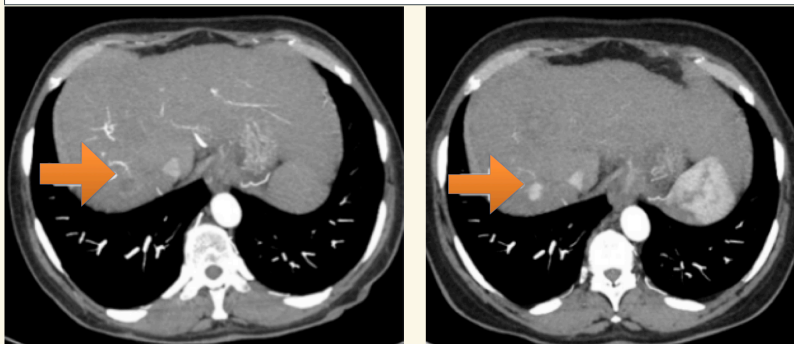
Retrospectively, we reviewed 212 patients with HCC that had a previous imaging study by the time of a perceptible lesion with less than 20mm in size (HCC nidus), and at least one follow-up study after the diagnosis. All clinical data was collected referring to the date of the studies. The study was approved by the ethics committee of the institution.

## RESULTS

Of the total, 42 patients (102 studies) met the inclusion criteria and did not have any type of procedure. The cirrhosis type most prevalent was Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) cirrhosis with 24 cases (57.1%), followed by alcoholic (EtOH) cirrhosis (16.6%), Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH) disease (9.5%) and combined EtOH and HCV cirrhosis (4.7%). Segment VIII showed to be the most prevalent site of of HCC nidus (26.1%). At the time of a perceptible nidus, AFP level above 20ng/ml was only seen in 4 patients and the overall mean was 9.24ng/ml. A perceptible unpaired hepatic artery supplying the HCC nidus was found in 26.1% of the cases and a capsular artery supply in 3 cases (2.3%). Important findings included HCC nidus do not consistently present complete washout. In our series we only observed complete washout in 33.3% of the patients (14 patients). Mean tumor volume doubling time was 35 months with a range of 1.5 to 842.3 months.



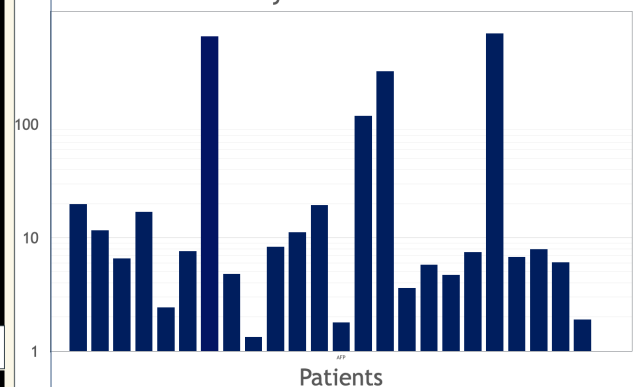
MRI C+ shows lesion <20mm (HCC nidus) with features consistent with LI-RADS 5. There was a total of 6 patients (14.2%) that presented a LI-RADS 5 lesion by the time of the nidus.



Contrast enhanced Computed Tomography showing an unpaired hepatic artery supplying the HCC nidus. Unpaired hepatic arteries does not follow the usual directions of the hepatic vasculature. They were present in 26.1% of HCC by the time of the

	EtOH Mean	SD	HCV mean	SD	Other mean	SD	p-value
bmi	28.9	4.11	26.06	3.69	26.55	2.79	0.33
Meld score	8.40	1.15	8.36	1.36	8.55	2.51	0.90
Platelet	64.66	15.01	100.46	36.77	139	52.24	0.01
Albumin	3.03	0.90	3.20	0.52	3.32	0.44	0.85
AFP	2.37	1.14	115.93	180.13	6.01	5.81	0.005

## AFP level by the time of the nidus



AFP levels above 20 ng/ml was only seen in 4 patients and the overall mean was 9.24ng/ml.

## Imaging features

	n (%)
Homogeneous enhancement	26 (61)
Heterogeneous enhancement	8 (19)
Partial washout	8 (19)
Complete washout	16 (38)
Unpaired Hepatic Artery	11 (26)

## CONCLUSION

This study reveals the presence and characteristic of an evolving HCC when the AFP levels are still normal. Platelet count mean and AFP levels mean are significantly greater in the HCV cirrhosis with HCC patients. This reinforces the difference of etiologies of HCC and the role of imaging for earliest detection and undisputed need for screening to provide patients with the best care.

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# HCC Risk Stratification

- **Future Studies**

- Fibroscan CAP score

- ELF

- AFP/L3%/DCP (GALAD & BALAD-2)

- Race/Ethnicity?

- Age Independent Risk?

- F3/Non-Cirrhotic?



# **Opportunities and Challenges for HIV/HCV ED Screening**

- 1. Increase screening, testing and diagnosis of HCV according to CDC guidelines in public and private healthcare settings (inclusive of younger at risk populations).**
- 2. Build capacity within existing workforce to treat patients in diverse health care environments, including non-specialist settings (i.e. corrections, primary care, addiction medicine, rural healthcare, homeless services, etc.)**
- 3. Ensure access for HCV patients to DAAs [Prescriber and Usage (EtOH/Marij.)]**
- 4. Pursue policies and legislations in alignment with WHO/CDC that will help achieve elimination in FL (Opt-Out Testing, OD Testing, ED reimbursement).**

# **FL- Future Opioid/ID Related Bills**

- 1. Ensure access for HCV patients to DAAs  
[Prescriber and Usage (EtOH/Marij.)]**
- 2. ED reimbursement**
- 3. Pursue policies and legislations in alignment with  
WHO/CDC that will help assess the outbreak of  
viral diseases**
  - HCV Opt-Out Testing (have lower drug costs now,  
prisons less of an issue)**
  - Testing of Unconscious Patient Presenting to ED  
with Drug Overdose (opioids, cocaine, etc.)**

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